

# The Hickman Courier

Vol. 152 • No. 6

February 5, 2015

\$1

## Two Hells Angels members arrested during traffic stop

During a traffic stop on Saturday night just before 10 p.m. two members of the Hells Angels were arrested by the Fulton County Sheriff's Office. According to a FCSO press release the traffic stop occurred at approximately 9:45 p.m. on Hwy 51 north just outside the city limits of Fulton, Ky., stopping the vehicle because one headlight was not working. The stop resulted in the arrest of Arthur Ralston and Terry L. Atwill.

"The driver of the vehicle, Ralston, a white male from Fulton was not able to produce proper documentation for the vehicle," further stated the press release. "The driver was asked if there was anything illegal inside the vehicle and if he would consent to a search; Ralston stated no."

"A K-9 unit from the Fulton

Police Department (FPD) was on the scene and conducted a perimeter search of the vehicle. Per the FPD officer the dog did indicate on the vehicle.

Ralston and passenger, Atwill, a white male from Water Valley, Ky., were removed from the vehicle.

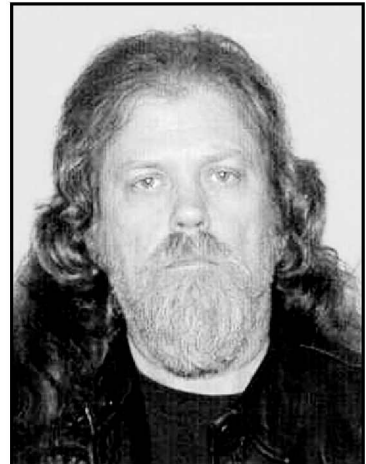
A 357 caliber semi-automatic handgun was found on one of the subjects and both subjects were in possession of numerous knives, including a switch blade. Inside the vehicle approximately 2.42 grams of what appeared to be crystal methamphetamine, (1) Diazepam pill, and a total of \$8,372.76 were found. The crystal meth was packaged in individual packages. The majority of the currency was found inside a bank bag with the crystal meth laying

See TRAFFIC STOP, page 5



**QUEEN AND COURT** - (Above) Fulton County High School celebrated Homecoming this past Friday night, with six students chosen to serve on the court. Selected by the student body was: (l-r) Freshman Maid Olivia Wilson, Sophomore Maid Shelby Morris, Junior Maid Brooke Coffey, Senior Maid Ya'Shema (Lucy) Kimble, Homecoming Queen Jessica Mathis and Senior Maid Justus Wilson. (Photo by Charles Choate)

**BASKETBALL QUEEN** - (At left) Fulton County Senior student Jessica Mathis was chosen "Homecoming Queen" during pre-game ceremonies held last Friday night. Jessica is a member of the Pilots softball team, and is involved in FFA, Student Council, Academic Team and Future Educators of America. She plans to attend Murray State University to major in Biology, with a career focus in zoological conservation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mathis of Hickman.



Arthur Ralston



Terry Atwill



Jessica Mathis

## "Grain side" keeps Port busy with crane down

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

The Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority has been staying busy loading grain barges. "With the current port design, we cannot fully utilize operations of loading grain barges and using the crane to unload barges with the crane at the same time," explained Port Director Greg Curlin. "So even though the crane is inoperable at present, the Port is still busy and we are supplementing our work load by loading more grain barges." The Port currently employs 12 full and part-time associates. Options on whether to replace the 1976 crane or refurbish the crane were discussed at the monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 27 with board members Lynn Major, Mike Taylor, Monroe Bellew, Will Rice and new board members James Black and David Weatherly.

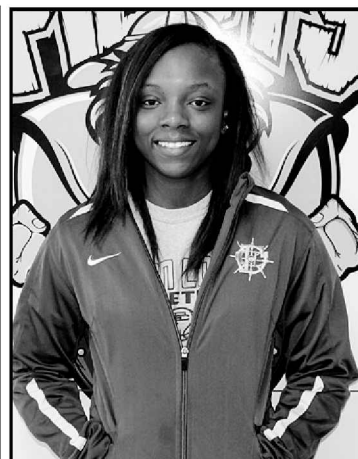
Curlin recommends that the Port travel to Canton, Missouri to view a refurbished crane that was being utilized by the Corps of Engineers. "The crane is owned by PL&M Cranes and it has been completely remanufactured with

less than 1,000 hours," added Curlin. "The purchase of this crane and modifications to fit the location at the Port where the crane will be located is about \$500,000." The board is also looking at the possibility of having the 1976 crane completely remanufactured at an expense of \$980,000. Thus, giving the Port a 2015 model but handling the same workload as they had in the past. Another option could be purchasing a new duty cycle PL&M crane that would allow the Port to handle additional types of material up to 25 tons.

Looking to the future, Curlin and the board are taking into consideration the best route for the Port to take as they contemplate spending between \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 dollars to replace a crane that has been costing them at least \$5,000 monthly in maintenance expenses during recent years.

"If we want to offer more services for bigger materials to our customers we need to think about the future as we make this decision on this capital expense,"

See PORT'S CRANE, page 5



Lucy Kimble

### Black History Month

## Kimble looks to the future, remembering the past

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

Celebrating the achievements of African Americans began in February of 1926, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the

See KIMBLE SPOTLIGHT, page 6



**FIRST DISTRICT RUNNER-UP** - On Thursday, Jan. 29 the Jr. Lady Pilots accepted their first district runner-up trophy following the conclusion of the middle school tournament held in Hickman. Members of the team include: (front row, l to r) Ayana Cox, Jamya Clay, and Karlie Smith; (standing, l to r) Karlie Williams, Kia Smith, Brooklyn Chambers, Jamya Pierce, Alaya Barnett, Savanna Roberts, Giselle Barrientos, Grace Elder, Retiazsha Chambers Delaynee Cermak, and Cailey Prehoda. Not pictured: Coaches Merry Williams and Melissa Kinney. (Complete write up and additional photos on page 9.)



Photo by Charlotte Smith

**EYESORE OR PROGRESS?** - For Paul Harrison who has lived on Terrace Drive for over 30 years and Hickman for 70 it is an eyesore. Harrison says the City of Hickman cut down trees and has bulldozed some of them over the hill across the street from his home. He says he is worried that once the trees rot, the hill will erode away faster than it was when the trees were standing. Harrison says the work was completed about a month ago with some more work done last week. He would like to see them finish the job, pushing the rest of the cut down trees over the hill. He states that he has also contacted the City twice and hasn't gotten them to come to talk to him about the condition of the property that is seen from his front porch on a daily basis.

### Graduation set for May 22

## School board approves draft budget for 2015-16

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

After approving the contracts for nonresident pupils for 2015-2016 which shows Hickman County receiving ten Fulton County students and other districts distributing students equally, the Fulton County School Board began their discussion of the 2015-2016 draft budget during a special called meeting held on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 5:45 p.m.

Fulton County Superintendent Aaron Collins described next year's school budget as conservative. "Last year we lost \$46,000 in SEEK funds," he noted. "There is no guarantee in how much tax revenue we will actually receive."

Keeping this in mind, and having a better grasp of where

the district is financially, Collins and Chief Finance Officer Jennifer Davis fielded questions from the board while noting that \$700,000 was a good amount to have in their Fund I balance.

"This amount was determined based on recommendations from the auditor as he reviewed last year's audit with us earlier this month," added Collins. "He suggested we have a good roll over balance that includes three months worth of working balance. The Fund I draft budget accounts for 75% of the districts salaries."

Looking at a 2% salary increase across the board, next year's budget also recommends a tax increase of 4%. "Over the last several years (seven)

See DRAFT BUDGET, page 5

## Co-ops discuss reasons for exploring possible merger

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

After learning in late November 2014 that Greg Grisom would be leaving after 14 years David Kimbell, Chairman of the Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (HFRECC) Board, made the announcement that the board was exploring all options. "Those options included replacing Greg or possibly merging with another entity," stated Kimbell. "Three entities responded and the board decided to pursue their options with Gibson EMC and West Kentucky RECC."

"With Gibson EMC contacting us first we (the board) have

See CO-OP MERGER, page 7

### INSIDE THIS WEEK

Veteran Sam Holly .....Page 2  
Hicks/Morsbach to wed .....Page 3  
Bible Feature.....Page 4  
Obits/Police News.....Page 5  
ATC class receives grant.....Page 6

Relay for Life info .....Page 7  
FCHS Basketball.....Page 8  
FCMS Girls Basketball.....Page 9  
Babies of 2014.....Page 10

### RAIN WATCH

January 2015 - 1.54

February 2015 - 0.77

www.kymesonet.org

Spring Countdown  
43 days

### RIVER STAGE FORECASTS

OHIO RIVER AT CAIRO, ILL.

Wednesday, Feb. 4 - 19.5

Thursday, Feb. 5 - 20.1

Friday, Feb. 6 - 21.2

Saturday, Feb. 7 - 22.2

Sunday, Feb. 8 - 23.3






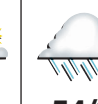
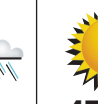
**MATHIS BENEFIT** - Many turned out for the Mathis Twins Benefit held in the FCHS cafeteria on Saturday, Jan. 31. The benefit raised more than \$7,700. (See page 2 for a Letter to the Editor - Paid thank you from Cayce Carlton.)



www.hickmancourier.com



Your Local Weather

Thu 2/5	Fri 2/6	Sat 2/7	Sun 2/8	Mon 2/9
 <b>32/22</b> Sunny. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the low 20s.	 <b>46/34</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid 30s.	 <b>55/48</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 40s.	 <b>54/31</b> Morning showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	 <b>47/27</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

©2009 American Profile Hometown Content Service

THE HICKMAN COURIER

THE VOICE OF HICKMAN AND FULTON COUNTY

Charlotte Smith - Editor

Barbara Atwill - Business manager

Established in 1859. The oldest newspaper in West Kentucky.

Turning Back The Clock

25 Years Ago  
February 8, 1990  
Obituaries: Forrest W. Minor, 57; and Mildred Robinson, 72.

Hank Ruttinger is Hickman’s No. 1 blood donor as he has given in excess of 70 pints of blood, and was on hand to make a donation when the Bloodmobile was in Hickman recently.

Monette Malone has been named “Outstanding Citizen for 1989” by the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society. This is the first honor of this type presented by the WOW. Mrs. Malone is editor of The Hickman Courier and she has worked for many years for the local newspapers and also was employed for eleven years at the Vocational Center.

A gas leak was the cause of a fire in the Cayce community last week, according to Fire Chief Bobby Hopper. Cayce firemen responded to a call at 5:20 a.m. Feb. 2, to the home of John Brown. Minor damage was reported to the house.

Several enjoyed the fellowship of the Casey Jones Senior Citizens at the Cayce United Methodist Church.

50 Years Ago  
February 11, 1965  
The Hickman Industrial Development Corporation received a letter of intent from basic Carbon last week confirming the fact that the firm – a subsidiary of the Carborundum Co. – will build a plant in Hickman. The commitment is based on several conditions to be met by Hickman – including land leveling of the site off the old Troy road; excavation and grading of bed for railroad; and to see that electric, gas, water and sanitary sewer utilities are provided to the factory site.

Cecile White is this year’s Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for FCHS. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry White of Hickman.

The Bud Haltermans have sold their home on the Union City Highway to the Bob Sangers.

75 Years Ago  
February 9, 1940  
A report on the work done by the local WPA Sewing Project shows that 9,455 garments have been made and distributed to needy people in the west end of Fulton County during the period from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1939.

The City of Hickman is now on a cash basis, and warrants issued by the city for the balance of 1940 will be payable at the Citizens Bank in Hickman, according to an announcement by Mayor C.P. Mabry.

Fred Stokes, Jr., of Hickman, was recently nominated by Representative Noble Gregory for appointment to the Annapolis Naval Academy, it was learned this week. Stokes, now a student at Texas A&I, where he is one of the first five varsity basketball players, is seeing many interesting places, including a three-day trip to Monterey, Mexico this week. Stokes has given up the idea of a military career. Consequently, this appointment to the Naval Academy comes as quite a surprise to the family who are doubtful of his acceptance of the offer.

Vaughn L. Wiman, sausage maker of Dublin, Ky., states that Mrs. Henry Clay of this city recently purchased two sacks of country sausage made by him, which she shipped to her sister in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The sausage was purchased from the Mengel Store.

125 Years Ago  
February 9, 1890  
The new Anchor Line boat, City of Hickman, will be finished about the first of March. She will be put into the St. Louis and Natchez trade in place of the Steamer Belle of Memphis, which will run between St. Louis and Memphis.

If the ground hog is right the winter of 1889-90 will go on record as the most extraordinary one since the oldest inhabitant was a kid.

The shipments of corn south from Madrid Bend have been greatly interfered with on account of the river overflow.

It is now a settled fact that Capt. Thomas Shields of Cairo will command the new Anchor Line Steamer, City of Hickman.

Hickman College has 240 pupils enrolled, while there is yet quite a large number prevented from attending by the LaGrippe epidemic. The school is moving off harmoniously, with every prospect of success.

Governor Buckner has signed the Hickman Building and Loan Association bill and it is now the law and the Association can now go to work.

Deed Transfers

The following Deed Transfers were recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy Monday, Jan. 26 through Thursday, Jan. 29:

Gary L. Davis; unknown spouse of Gary L. Davis; Beneficial Kentucky, Inc.; Tax Ease Lien Servicing, LLC, Fulton Co., Ky.; City of Hickman, Ky.; and First State Finance of Tennessee to Amanda A. Major of Hickman; and First State Finance of Union City, Tenn., property in city of Hickman, value \$5,350, Jan. 26.

Becky Dawn Forrester of Fulton, Ky. and Richard Wayne Kelly of Fulton, Ky., Jan. 15.

David K. Parks and wife Leona Parks of Union City; and Larry Parks and wife Myrna Parks of Hickman, Ky. to Michael Shaun



Marriage Licenses


The following Marriage License was recorded in the office of Fulton County Clerk Betty Abernathy:

Our email address is

hickmancourier@bellsouth.net

Dave Says...

by Dave Ramsey



Dear Dave,  
I’ve been following your plan, and I’d like to find a way to make a little more money on the side. Do you have any ideas for generating some passive income?  
Taiwan  
Dear Taiwan,  
First, I want to make sure you’re not getting involved with some get-rich-quick scheme, like a nothing-down real estate seminar. “Passive income” is a term that’s sometimes attached to those sorts of things.  
Passive income is pretty simple; it’s income off of investments. In other words, it’s money you set aside that makes you money. There’s not any other income that is *real* passive income.  
If you wrote a book and got royalties from the sales, some people would call that passive income. I get royalties from the

books I’ve written over the years, but the people who would call that “passive income” didn’t follow me around while I was working my tail off to write and sell those things. To me, it wasn’t passive income at all; it was a business. Technically, the government would call it passive income. But they don’t have anything to do with reality.  
When it comes to passive income, I only invest in two things — real estate, for which I pay cash, and good growth stock mutual funds. Active income usually takes the form of a small business idea or your career. That’s income that you, yourself, are literally creating.  
But that’s how I look at that stuff. Some people may have a different view on it, but I like to keep things simple.  
—Dave

Dear Dave,  
I’m following your plan and trying to find different ways to save money. What’s a good way to decide whether or not you need full-coverage insurance on an automobile?  
Barbara  
Dear Barbara,  
I think you should look at a couple of things. First, you need full-coverage or collision if you don’t have a lot of money, because you’ll end up walking if the car gets totaled. You need this coverage even if it’s a \$2,000 car. You might keep the deductible a little high to save on premiums and then, if something unexpected happens, you can cover the out-of-pocket expense with your emergency fund.  
Let’s say you have \$50,000 in savings. You’re driving a \$5,000 car, and you decide to drop collision coverage because

you’re thinking if you total it you can just write a check and replace the car. You can, but then you have to look at the other side of the coin. What does this collision coverage cost per year versus the \$5,000 risk you’re taking?  
I’ve run those numbers a few times, and generally I find collision insurance to be a pretty smart buy!  
—Dave  
\* *Dave Ramsey is America’s trusted voice on money and business. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, Entrepreneurship and Smart Money Smart Kids. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8.5 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.*

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor  
I feel so blessed to know that I was born and raised in this town!! Words cannot express my thankfulness for the citizens of the community coming together and giving their all for the Mathis Twins benefit!!! I was so nervous about not having enough food until Saturday morning ... Then it hit me...Jesus fed thousands of people with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish... At that point I had peace, I knew that this was in His hands! Around 3:30 people started showing up with enough food to feed a small army, I was ashamed I ever had any doubt! People were so supportive from the get go! I wish I could but there’s no way for me to list each and every person because I could fill this page but you all know who you are. To the ones who brought food, the Hickman Courier for running the story on the front page, the businesses and individuals who donated to the silent auction (Hickman-Fulton RECC, Citizens Bank, Memaws Cafe, Hubs, Cayce Cafe, Broadway Pizza, Generations, Bypass Barber Shop, Hairport, Dr. Jordan & Bondurant, KY Nut, Flowers by Penny, PVA, Sheriff’s office, Insteel, Strong Funeral Home, MedCare Pharmacy, River Valley Ag Credit, Tenia Little, Kassie Lane, Edie Lane, Susan Taylor, Pam Prather, Donna Lane, Sarah Choate, Angie Lattus, and Kenneth

Mathis), the ones who stood on your feet and served the people who came, the ones who came to clean up, the ones who mailed checks because they couldn’t attend, the money collectors, the ones who attended, and to the Fulton County Detention Center for furnishing all of the drinks and believe it or not 30 gallons of chili that we served every bit of! You all are the reason this benefit went over smoothly and so well, each of you are truly a blessing!!! I am truly grateful for each and everyone of you!!! Julie, Ellen, Lindsey, Tamra, Treva, Laura and I could not have pulled this off without you. I have never been so proud of the little town of Hickman!!! I am truly humbled. It brings tears to my eyes and so much joy to my heart to know that this community can pull together for such a great cause and support of these two families that we all love so much. Say what you want about this little town but when in doubt and there’s someone in need we always stick together and pull through! Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart and the six others who helped organize this!!! The silent auction brought in an amount of \$1,466.00 alone!! It’s so exciting to announce the total amount of money raised thru this benefit to date is \$7,719.47!!

Thank you,  
Cayce Jackson Carlton  
*Paid Thank You*

Dear Editor,  
I am blown away by a sleepy little town rich in historical land marks that some have disappeared like the walking bridge and other great sites but if the people in this town would wake up the potential of becoming a tourist stop would be great, there is so much of this place that has already disappeared never to return, if this is not stopped. The chance to share with a new generation what Hickman was and is will be gone forever. Since I have found this town we have bought three homes that we plan to restore. We are doing our part to try and save these old beautiful homes and we hope others do the same, and may this town find leaders to help make this happen. This town deserves one last chance.

Terry Parish

Reader Information

The Hickman Courier is published each Thursday in Hickman, Ky., by Magic Valley Publishing and delivered as a periodical. All mail should be addressed to Post Office Box 70, Hickman, KY 42050.  
Yearly subscriptions rates are: in Fulton, Hickman and Graves counties in Kentucky and Obion and Weakley counties in Tenn. - \$32.00; Elsewhere in Kentucky - \$48.00; and all other locations \$48.00.  
Tax is included on Kentucky subscriptions.

NO REFUNDS

ADVERTISING ERRORS

Liability for advertising errors is limited to reprinting that portion of the advertisement that is in error. All advertisements are assumed to be checked on first insertion. This newspaper assumes no liability for errors after the first insertion.

The newspaper is on sale each Wednesday at these locations:

Hickman - E.W. James & Sons, Little General #53, Medcare Pharmacy, McMaw’s, Pat’s Red Door Salon, River City Liquors, Senior Citizens Center, and inside Dollar General  
Cayce - Cayce Cafe, Cayce Junction, and Cayce Oil & Lube  
Fulton - Evans Drug, Pockets, Hunter’s One Stop, Pic Pac, The Fulton Leader, and inside Walmart  
Union City - Skaggs Gro.  
Jordan - Jordan Store

270-236-3412 Phone  
270-236-2726 Phone and Fax  
E-mail us at hickmancourier@bellsouth.net  
USPS: 243-200

POSTMASTER:  
Send address changes to:  
The Hickman Courier  
P.O. Box 70  
Hickman, KY 42050-0070

CHANGING THE FACE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Washers and Dryers Available in Most Units

Remodeled Kitchens

Maintenance-Free Living

Energy-Saving Appliances

Security Camera System

Resident Activities for All Ages

Ongoing Modernization

Applications accepted from low and moderate income families for one to five-bedroom apartments. Rent based on income.



Housing Authority of Hickman, Kentucky



1209 Holly Street, Suite 50 (Holly Court) • Hickman, KY 42050 • 270-236-2888  
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Monday - Friday or by Appointment







Ashley L. Hicks and Bradford J. Morsbach

## Miss Hicks, Morsbach plan April wedding at Lilac Farms

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilkerson proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ashley L. Hicks, to Bradford J. Morsbach.

Ashley is the daughter of Jeff and Laura Wilkerson of Fredericksburg, Va. (formally of South Fulton, Tenn.) and Danny and Theresa Hicks of Wickliffe, Ky. She is the granddaughter of Florence Wilkerson and the late Howard Wilkerson of Hickman, Ky., Walter and Donna Bone of Paducah, Ky., the late Janette Martin Bone Harless of Paducah, and Mary Hicks and the late Crawford Hicks of LaCenter, Ky. She is a 2004 graduate of

South Fulton High School. She is employed with Kaeser Compressors in Fredericksburg, Va.

Bradford is the son of Henry S. Morsbach of Cedar Park, Texas and Pamela Geisler of Leander, Texas. He is a 1995 graduate of Leander High School and a U.S. Navy veteran. He is employed with Northrop Grumman in Stafford, Va.

Wedding vows will be exchanged on Friday, April 24 at Lilac Farms in Arrington, Tenn.. They will reside in Fredericksburg, Va.

Wedding by invitation only.



The Hickman Courier wishes all these good folks a very happy birthday! Help make their days more special by remembering them with a card or a phone call.

**February 9** – Mrs. Jimmy Simmons, Melissa Garrigan, Tony Boyle, Geraldine Callison, Carolyn Coffey, Wendell Poynor, Ray T. Woodruff, and April Morgan.

**February 10** – Ann Wilmath, Matthew Gallimore, and Gage Guiles.

**February 11** – Roy Winston, Brent Williams, Amy Young Allen, Tony Powell, Emily Hamil, and John Davis Swain.

**February 12** – James Corum, Larry Evans, Kendall Rice, Walter Goodman, Valerie Brown, Hortense DeHart, Lisa Brazzell, Austin Garrigus, Charles Anthony Spencer, Emily Elizabeth Warner, and Audrey

Anne Wright.

**February 13** – Twona Love, Roy Morgan, Mark Lockard, and Brian Cruce.

**February 14** – Donnie Harrison, Bob Nerren, Ida Jackson, Freddie Bing, Jr., Jessica Elaine Jones, Josh Johnson, Blake Eakes, Macayla Cole, Kelly Laster, and Claire Wright.

**February 15** – Ernest Trujilla, Gwenda Erwin, Barry Joe Jackson, Macie Lynn Morgan, Keri Cole, Jessie Douglas, and Joshua Stonecipher.



**Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club**

Hickman Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Tuesday, Jan. 27 were as follows: Betty Amberg and Jo Grissom, first place; and Betty Jo Wheeler and Betty Fields, second place.

## Promoting positive behavior with punch card system

In an effort to encourage and promote positive behavior in Kindergarten, Miss Kim Gooch's Kindergarten class participates in the card system, with a blue card being the very best each day. Students who remain on their blue card all day receive a punch with a hole puncher on their name card. When they reach a certain number of punches, they receive little rewards like stickers, books, and other small prizes.

The students pictured at right have reached the 50-punch club status which means they have had 50 or more positive days in school staying on their blue card!

This is a very difficult task and these students should be congratulated for their excellent effort at behavior in the classroom and for outstanding manners. These students have earned their 50 punch prize...a \$3 Walmart card!

Great job to those who have earned their way to this honor and for anyone who hasn't made it there...keep working on it, YOU CAN DO IT!!!!



**50 PUNCH CLUB MEMBERS** – Those in the 50 Punch Club include: (back row, l to r) Schaeffer Sipes, Lee Uzzle, Brandon Smith, and Trace Grissom; (second row, l to r) Yazmin Lazo, McKenzie Russom, Detrona Kinney, Tallas Mitchell, and Taylor Major; and (front row, l-r) Manuel Cortez, Jon Thomas, and Kael O'Malley. 50 Punch Club Members unavailable the day the photo was taken are Jakylee Kinney and Aiden Williamson.



According to an article in Women's Health Report knowing how to lower your risk of stroke may save your life.

A stroke is a devastating event that changes the lives of nearly 800,000 U.S. adults every year. When a stroke doesn't kill, it often leaves the victim seriously disabled and unable to live independently. Stroke is the primary reason for nursing home admission.

Ischemic strokes are caused by blood clots and account for more than 85 percent of all strokes. Although most hospitals have clot-busting drugs on hand to limit the damage from ischemic stroke, they are no substitute for prevention.

### Lowering stroke risk

In both men and women, a buildup of cholesterol and fat in the arteries is the most common preventable cause of stroke, as well as heart attack. Therefore, taking steps to lower the risk of heart attack also can lower the risk of stroke. This means eating a heart-healthy diet and maintaining a healthy weight, keeping your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar within normal limits, and not smoking.

Getting regular exercise also can lower cardiovascular risks in both men and women, and recent research shows that the effect in women is more dramatic. According to a study presented at the American Stroke Association's International Stroke Conference in February 2014, engaging in regular, moderate-intensity exercise cuts stroke risk in women by 20 percent. Moreover, strenuous exercise, such as running, was found to confer no greater benefit than brisk walking. The researchers also found that regular exercise helped offset the increased risk of stroke that occurs in postmenopausal women taking hormone therapy.

**Unique risk factors in women**  
Women share many risk factors with men, but they also have risk factors unique to their gender. A special panel of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association reviewed clinical studies and developed recommendations for how women can reduce their risk of stroke.

"In mid- to late-age, the biggest risk factor is high blood pressure. Unfortunately, it doesn't cause symptoms, so, unless you go to a doctor, you don't know if you have it," Dr. Louise Klebanoff,

MD, an assistant professor of neurology at Weill Cornell Medical College says. "If we treated everyone with high blood pressure, we could significantly decrease the number of strokes that occur."

### What You Should Know

Recognize and respond to symptoms of a stroke:

- "Sudden, severe headache can be a sign of stroke. However, the sudden onset of localized neurological symptoms—difficulty speaking, walking, seeing, or weakness or numbness on one side of the body—is unmistakably stroke," says Dr. Klebanoff.

- Reaching an emergency department within 90 minutes can increase the likelihood of surviving a stroke with minimal or no deficit. Call 911 immediately if you suspect a stroke.

### Risks in younger women

Younger women have risks all their own. Before and after pregnancy, hormones can cause an increase in blood clotting factors and cause blood pressure to skyrocket – a dangerous situation called preeclampsia, which doubles the risk of stroke.

The new guidelines recommend that women with a history of high blood pressure who become pregnant take low-dose aspirin and/or calcium supplements to reduce the risk of preeclampsia. They also recommend that pregnant women who develop preeclampsia take aggressive measures to lower their cholesterol, lose weight, and quit smoking to lower the risk of stroke.

Dr. Kelbanoff hopes that guidelines will increase understanding about stroke and inspire women to take the necessary steps to prevent stroke. "There are many risk factors you can control that will reduce your risk of stroke," she says.

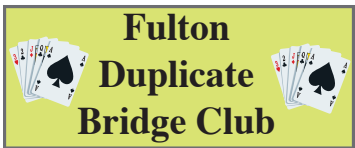
*Editor's Note:* Republished in summary from Women's Health Reporter, December 2014

Weekly activities at the Senior Center include Monday, Feb. 9— 10:30 – Kris Moore – Healthy Hart – 11:30 – Bingo; Wednesday, Feb. 11 – 10:30 – Life Line Home Care – Lana Livigni – Exercises and B/P – Birthday Party – 11:30 – Bingo; Thursday, Feb. 12 – 10 – Corn Hole; Friday, Feb. 13 – 11:30 – Bingo.

Bingo is played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week (25¢ a card) on these days immediately following lunch, at approximately 11:30.

Bingo winners last week were Monday, Jan. 26: Shirley Shaw, Corinne Shaw, David Westbrook, and coverall Suzanne Hurley; Wednesday, Jan. 28: Corinne Shaw, Helen Drewry, David

See SENIOR SPIRIT, page 5



Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Monday, Jan. 26 were as follows: Flight A – Betty Amberg and Lois Harbour, first place; and Betty Fields and Steve Van Cise and Pat Page and Carmen Pendergrass, tied for second/third place. Flight B – Pat Page and Carmen Pendergrass, first place; and Richard Thompson and Margie Evans and Jo Grissom and Dianna Nerren, tied for second/third place.

Fulton Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Monday, Feb. 2 were as follows: Pam Fee and Carol Howell, first place; Lois Harbour and John Harbour, second place; Betty Fields and Kathy Wilson, third place; and Jane Baker and Bill Petrie, fourth place.



**CELEBRATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL** - On January 26, 2015, Miss Kim Gooch's class celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. They began their day with a cut and glue activity of a '100' day head band that Miss Shelly Acree shared with their class. Throughout the day, students counted items to 100 and wrote and illustrated a story called, 'The 100<sup>th</sup> Day Bike Mystery'. They also counted to 100 and have been practicing writing numbers to 100. "Our 100<sup>th</sup> day was GREAT...now only 75 more to go!" noted Miss Gooch.

## WKEC and ASAP join forces writing grants for substance abuse programs

The Fulton-Hickman County ASAP Council met on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m. at Cayce United Methodist Church.

During the Drug Free Communities Grant (DFC) update it was stated that the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative (WKEC) is writing grants for Fulton-Hickman County ASAP board to help the ASAP Council with different substance abuse programs.

Andrea Hagerty, Fulton-Hickman County ASAP Council Coordinator gave an update on the upcoming Truth and Consequences. This event will be held on Friday, Jan. 23 at Fulton County. Volunteers are still needed to help the different booths set up to make this experience as realistic as possible.

The DFC RFA is expected to be released later this month. Debbie Lee with West Kentucky Educational Cooperative has agreed to assist with the grant application. A joint grant to cover both Fulton and Hickman counties will be applied for this year.

Preliminary KIP (Kentucky Incentives for Prevention) should be released this month. Fulton County is the only school to have received results thus far. Once the results from all three schools (Fulton City, Fulton County and Hickman County) are received the strategic plans will be updated for the counties based on the results. Fact sheets for the board and community members will be reviewed with permission from the superintendents at each school district.

Ms. Hagerty has started working with 5th and 7th grade prevention lessons at Fulton County teaching the Smart Mouth curriculum to the fifth grade and Life Skills to the seventh grade. Arrangements are being made to present prevention lessons with grades K-2, with no decision being made on what curriculum to use at this time.

Kaylene Cornell with the Purchase District Health Department came and talked to seventh graders about the dangers of smoking and Ellen Walsh with Four Rivers is also going to speak about the dangers of alcohol with the seventh grade class.

Fulton Independent's eighth graders will complete the Life

Skills program by the end of January. Sixth and seventh graders will finish the program in February. Fifth graders have already completed the Smart Mouth curriculum and received certificates. Principal Sondra Gibbs is deciding on if the curriculum would benefit Carr Elementary students and no schedule has been discussed.

A Leader in Me grant that was discussed was a grant that they had written for Fulton County and Fulton Independent school system and had received.

Hickman County seventh and eighth graders will begin the Life Skills this semester. They will be split by semester so this will be a different group of students than in August. The program has been offered to be taught to Hickman County elementary students as well.

The Hickman County TAG (Teen Action Group) is currently working on a Social Norms Campaign. Students will design posters using data collected from the social norms campaign. The goal of the campaign is to show students that not every one is participating in substance abuse. The posters the students designed will be sent to a printer to be published and hung in various places around the school.

Fulton Independent and Fulton County schools designed stickers that Kyle Smith is printing to be used with the Fulton County SADD club's Sticker Shock activity. A tentative date of March 14 has been set for Fulton Independent with no date being set for Fulton County as of now.

Fifth graders recently learned about the dangers of smokeless tobacco on each of the systems of the body. The students were asked to trace a classmate and then draw the different systems of the body, they wrote the different effect of smokeless tobacco on their bodies around the tracings. Students enjoyed this activity, and hung their drawings in the hallway for other students and teachers to view. The next lesson in this series will go over how much money is spent on smokeless tobacco.

Ellen Walsh presented Social Host information to the board. Board members will review further.

**NEW**

*Classic Heels Collection*

**YES, it's a Diabetic Shoe**

*BOA*

**Believe in Comfort**

Finally, the elegance of a heeled shoe designed specially for women with diabetes. Our patent pending forefoot design provides pressure relief for all day comfort and the BOA® closure system provides an adjustable secure fit.

**Evans**  
TOTAL CARE, LLC

208 Lake Street, Fulton, KY 42041  
Ph. 270.472.2984 Fax: 270.472.9377



# Major & Major

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

203 Moulton Street  
Hickman, KY 42050



Richard L. Major Jr.  
Amanda A. Major

This is an advertisement

This Space Available Contact

# The Hickman County Gazette

at 270-653-3381  
or

# The Hickman Courier

270-236-3412

1630 E. Reelfoot Ave.      Union City, TN 38261

# Union City Nursing & Rehab Center

*"Caring for our Community"*

We are a skilled nursing facility capable of providing in house physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy to meet the needs of both short term as well as long term patients. Our facility has many new renovations and we would like to invite you to stop by and take a tour.

**Call (731) 885-8095 for more information. (Volunteers welcome)**

**If you are interested in a career in the medical field, apply with us.**

# Strong Funeral Home Chapel

903 Broadway • Hickman, KY



Phone 270-236-2820



Obituary Line 270-236-1111



# Citizens Bank

In Hickman & Fulton

1522 Union City Hwy.      201 Nolan Ave.  
Hickman, KY      Fulton, KY  
270-236-2525      270-472-2626

www.citizenshickman.com  
www.citizensfulton.com

Member FDIC      Member FDIC • Equal Housing Lender



# SGL GROUP

## THE CARBON COMPANY

# River Valley

## AGCREDIT

Service Center

270-236-2531

# HICKMAN MOTORS, INC.


Union City Hwy.

Hickman, KY

Phone 270-236-3553



# Perkins Pharmacy



119 E. Clay St.  
Clinton, KY  
270-653-5361

# ACRI-CHEM, INC.

An Alliance with Hopkinsville Elevator Co. CO OP

Fertilizer, Seed, Chemicals  
Custom Applications

245 Gin Rd. • Clinton, KY  
270-653-2731

# A WILDERNESS VOICE

by Tom Hoskins

## DEPRAVITY

It is my opinion that any right thinking man or woman would be gravely concerned about the moral condition of our land because there are men and women, even our president, who are determined the signature of our society is to be sodomy. It appears the Supreme Court of our land may soon be ruling on such a law.

God looked over the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and said, “Their sin is very grievous” (Genesis 18:20). The wickedness of men and women has not changed. We have become embolden in our sin. Dare we think we can go on forever defying the holiness and judgment of God? Nations and men across the ages have thought so but have been proven wrong on every occasion. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked. The angelic messengers of God said to Lot, “We will destroy this place because the cry of them is waxen (grown) great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord has sent us to destroy it” (Gen. 19:13). God did. He sent fire and brimstone and destroyed those cities.

Move forward four centuries and view Israel in the wilderness. God provided everything they needed yet they reveled and complained against God continually. “And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness, yes, they spoke against God” (Psalm 78:17, 19). God slew great numbers of them in the wilderness (v34).

Move forward yet fourteen more centuries and here WE are. God has blessed this nation in the past but “for all this Israel (we) sinned still, and believed not his wondrous works” (v32). I ask you, “What do you think God is getting ready to do with America?”

# Fulton and Hickman Counties Church Page

This church directory is made possible by these businesses, who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

ARLINGTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
Hwy 51, Arlington, Ky.  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
286 US Hwy. 51 N., Clinton, KY, 270-653-4432  
NEW LIFE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER  
300 Rice Ave., Fulton, KY, 270-472-2726

## BAPTIST

BEULAH BAPTIST  
Hwy. 307 N., Beulah, KY  
CAYCE BAPTIST  
State Route 94 W, Cayce, KY  
CLINTON PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Circle Road, Clinton, KY  
COLUMBUS BAPTIST  
Columbus, KY  
CRUTCHFIELD BAPTIST  
State Route 924, Crutchfield, KY  
DAVID'S CHAPEL  
State Route 925, Hickman, KY  
EAST HICKMAN BAPTIST  
1522 Liberty St., Hickman, KY, 270-236-2300  
FIRST BAPTIST  
205 E. Moulton St., Hickman, KY, 270-236-2424  
FIRST BAPTIST  
320 Mayfield Rd., Clinton, KY, 270-653-4304  
GREEN VALLEY BAPTIST  
406 Blair St., Clinton, KY, 270-653-4645  
JOHNSON CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
Holly St., Hickman, KY, 270-236-2434  
LAKE CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
1318 S. 7th St., Hickman, KY, 270-236-4569  
LIBERTY BAPTIST  
Middle Road., Fulton, KY  
MIDWAY BAPTIST  
1273 Midway Rd., Hickman, KY, 270-236-2838  
MOSCOW BAPTIST  
95 Wiley Rd., Moscow, KY  
MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
6914 State Route 94 E, Fulton, KY, 270-472-0965  
MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
Columbus, KY  
MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH  
Hwy. 58, Clinton, KY  
MT. SINAI BAPTIST  
5954 State Route 123 W., Oakton, KY, 270-653-3488  
NEW BETHEL BAPTIST  
Hwy. 307 S., Clinton, KY  
NEW BRYANT'S CHAPEL FREEWILL BAPTIST  
Hickman, KY  
NEW HARMONY BAPTIST  
73 Brent Rd., Clinton, KY, 270-653-2232  
NEW HOPE BAPTIST  
Hwy. 1529 E., Clinton, KY  
OAKTON BAPTIST  
Oakton, KY  
OBION BAPTIST CHURCH  
Clinton, KY  
PLEASANT HILL MB  
903 Moscow Ave., Hickman, KY, 270-236-9233  
PLEASANT VALLEY MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
Clinton, KY  
POPLAR GROVE  
Union City Hwy., Hickman, KY  
SASSAFRAS RIDGE BAPTIST  
1216 State Route 653, Hickman, KY, 270-236-2865

## SECOND BAPTIST

1563 US Hwy 51 S, Clinton, KY  
SPRING HILL BAPTIST  
RR 2, Clinton, KY, 270-376-2144  
WEST HICKMAN BAPTIST  
1003 Broadway St., Hickman, KY, 270-236-2342

## CATHOLIC

SACRED HEART  
411 E. Moulton St., Hickman, KY, 270-236-2071  
ST. DENIS CATHOLIC  
Route 1748, Fancy Farm, KY  
ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC  
504 Eddings St., Fulton, KY  
ST. JUDE CATHOLIC  
308 Mayfield Rd., Clinton, KY, 270-653-6869

## CHRISTIAN

FIRST CHRISTIAN  
Buchanan St., Hickman, KY  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLES OF CHRIST  
North Washington, Clinton, KY

## CHURCH OF GOD

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD  
W Main St., Hickman, KY  
GREATER MOUNT ZION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST  
Hickman, KY

## EPISCOPAL

ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL  
611 Church St., Hickman, KY, 270-236-2449

## METHODIST

BEECH GROVE UNITED METHODIST  
2583 State Route 925, Hickman, KY  
CAYCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
195 State Route 94 W, Cayce, KY, 270-838-6882  
CRUTCHFIELD UNITED METHODIST  
Depot St., Crutchfield, KY  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
210 S. Washington St., Clinton, KY, 270-653-3241  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
200 Carr St., Fulton, KY, 270-472-3514  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
105 Wellington, Hickman, KY, 270-236-2305  
MOORE'S CHAPEL AME METHODIST  
202 S. Jefferson St., Clinton, KY, 270-653-3888  
MT. PLEASANT UNITED METHODIST  
1738 State Route 1708 E., Clinton, KY, 270-653-2128  
OAKWOOD UNITED METHODIST  
Corner of 239 & 123, Clinton, KY  
RUSH CREEK UNITED METHODIST  
Rush Creek Road, Hickman, KY  
SHILOH UNITED METHODIST  
Shiloh Church Rd., off Hwy. 288, Clinton, KY  
THOMAS CHAPEL CME METHODIST  
1207 S. 7th St., Hickman, KY, 270-236-9538  
WESLEY UNITED METHODIST  
Hwy. 1529, Fulton, KY

## OTHER

CHURCH OF CHRIST HOLINESS 1406 Nelson St., Hickman, KY  
HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH 206 James H. Phillips Dr., Clinton, KY  
JACKSON'S CHAPEL 51 Jackson Rd., Clinton, KY, 270-653-2299  
WALLS OF PRAISE Hwy. 58 E, Clinton, KY  
MT. ZION PRESBYTERIAN Hwy. 1529, Water Valley, KY  
THE MEETING ROOM Columbus "Y", Columbus, KY  
TURNING POINT MINISTRY 1120 Moscow Ave., Hickman, KY, 270-627-1980



# Arbor Place of Clinton

Committed to Compassion  
Striving for Excellence  
Serving Responsibly

Trella Wilson, Administrator

Phone 270-653-5558 | Fax 270-653-5522

www.arborplaceofclinton.com  
www.diversicaremanagment.com



# CW LUMBER

Hwy. 58 • Wingo, KY  
270-376-5565

Building Materials For All Your  
Farm & Home Needs

OPEN SATURDAY MORNING UNTIL NOON

## A Blanket to Fit Your Needs

270-254-6110-Justin • 270-653-6004- Home  
270-653-2270- Fax

What the World  
Needs is Jesus

# SBI of Fulgham, LLC

Straw Blanket Installation

6008 St. Rt. 58 E., Clinton, KY 42031

This Space Available Contact

# The Hickman County Gazette

at 270-653-3381  
or

# The Hickman Courier

270-236-3412



# Coffey

CONST. CO., INC.  
HICKMAN, KY

# RIVERFRONT LIMESTONE LLC.

HICKMAN, KY • PHONE 270 236 3774

# Burgess Bros Grain Co.

29 US Highway 51 S  
Clinton, KY 42031  
270-653-4346

# Collision Clinic

224 N Washington  
Clinton, KY 42031  
270-653-6885

James H Stepp  
owner



"Where perfection is a must!"



# BWS

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

SINCE 1963

- Air Cushion Rec
- Road Tractor Service
- From Jump Starts to Rollovers



24/7  
TOWERS

731-885-5331

Serving NW TN & SW KY • Area's Largest & Best



# FCB

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK

114 E. Jackson St. • Clinton, KY  
270-653-4301

Member FDIC



# Tri-County Equipment, INC.

Sales, Parts, and Service

1237 US Hwy 51 S      KINZE - AGCO - KMC  
Clinton, KY 42031      ANTONIO CARRARO

Phone: 270-653-2381      LEWIS BROS. -  
270-653-6222      HESSTON - DIXON



# HICKMAN

FAMILY CLINIC

Daisy Benigno, MD  
Allie Alexander-Lusk, APRN  
2003 S 7th St. • Hickman, KY • 270-236-3202



# CLINTON

FAMILY CARE CLINIC

750 State Route 123 W  
Clinton, KY 42031



# CPS

Crop Production Services

750 State Route 123 W  
Clinton, KY 42031

# Ronnie Lane Heating & Air

Rheem - Rudd - American Standard  
and more

Service all brands

PHONE 270-236-2284 OR CELL 270-627-1190

License #M04713  
Insured and Licensed



# HAWS MEMORIAL

NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER

1004 Holiday Ln. 270-472-1971      Fulton, KY 42041



# Prairie Farms

219 East Fourth Street  
Fulton, KY  
270-472-2313

# Bumper To Bumper Auto Parts

Janice Pigg  
Store Manager

2107 South 7th St.  
Hickman, KY 42050  
Phone: (270) 236-9996

hickman@btbauto.com  
www.bumbertobumper.com



Service Is The Difference... We Get It!



## Bluff Briefs

### Men's Bible Study

First Church of God will be starting a Men's Bible study beginning the first Friday in March, 6:30 p.m. in the evening. This is for all men regardless of church background. If anyone has suggestions as to what might be a topic for study suggestions will be accepted on the church's Facebook site.

### St. Paul's Episcopal to hold Saturday afternoon service

The Rt. Rev. Terry A. White, 8th Bishop of Kentucky, will be the Celebrant for a Saturday afternoon service (2:00 pm) February 7, 2015 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A reception will follow in the Parish House.

### Prayer Breakfast

Thomas Chapel will host a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 7, beginning at 9:30 a.m. A panel discussion with ladies from area churches will begin at 9:30 a.m.

### Obion Creek Watershed Board of Directors meeting

The Obion Creek Watershed Conservancy District, Board of Directors, will meet Monday morning, Feb. 9, at 7:30 a.m., in the USDA Service Center, Conference Room, Clinton, Ky. The public is invited to attend.

### Recycling coming to Fulton

Recycling of paper products will be collected on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the Fulton Public Works building in Fulton.

### Fulton Rotary Benefit Golf Scramble

Fulton Rotary Club will host a Benefit Golf Scramble on Friday, May 8, at 1:00 p.m., at the Fulton Country Club. Space is limited to the first 36 paid teams! \$300 per 4-person team (includes cart, green fee, entry fee, lunch, and mulligans). Lunch served from 11:30 - 12:45. A \$10,000 prize for hole-in-one and other on course prizes will be awarded. Each member of the winning team will receive a new putter valued at over \$150 each. Contact 270-472-2800 to enter a team, to be a hole sponsor, or donate a door prize. All proceeds go directly to the Fulton Rotary Club scholarship fund.

### West Tennessee Photographers Guild to meet

The West Tennessee Photographers Guild will meet on Thursday, Feb. 12 at the Obion Co. Public Library at 6 pm. Bobby Bell will give a program on learning how to set up your camera for birds in flight. Bring your cameras to this meeting! Anyone interested in photography is welcome!

## Hickman Police Department News

The Hickman Police Department reports these arrests, citations, investigations and fire calls for Hickman and Cayce Volunteer Fire Departments for Monday, Jan. 26 – Sunday, Feb. 1:

- Monday, Jan. 26:
  - Investigated a suspicious person on Harrison St.
  - Responded to a residential alarm on Troy Ave.
  - Responded to a call on Terrace Dr.
  - Responded to a call at the post office.
  - Assisted Tri-City EMS at Holly Ct.
- Tuesday, Jan. 27:
  - Raneshia Warren arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.
  - Special detail – code enforcement on Moscow Ave.
  - Special detail – code enforcement on Terrace Dr.
  - Responded to a call at the police department.
  - Followed up on a call on Moscow Ave.
  - Assisted Tri-City EMS at Holly Ct.
  - Assisted on a traffic stop on Hilltop Rd.
  - Responded to an animal complaint on Highland Blvd.
  - Followed up on a call on Broadway St.
  - Responded to a 911 hang up on E Magnolia St.
- Wednesday, Jan. 28:
  - Responded to a call on Ivey St. – Seth Nolan arrested for assault.
  - Responded to a 911 hang up on Clay St.
- Thursday, Jan. 29:
  - Responded to a commercial burglar alarm on 7th St.
  - Responded to a call on 6th St.
  - Responded to a residential alarm on Union City Hwy.

- Welfare check on Cottonwood Dr.
  - Friday, Jan. 30:
    - Responded to an animal complaint on 7th St.
    - Responded to a call on Clay St.
    - Responded to a motor vehicle accident on Nelson St.
    - Followed up on a call on Bernal Ave. – Kevin Pierce cited for leaving the scene of an accident and criminal mischief.
  - Saturday, Jan. 31:
    - Responded to a commercial alarm on 7th St.
    - Responded to a gas drive off at Little General.
    - Responded to a possible reckless driver on 1099 Bypass.
    - Special detail – ballgame at Fulton County High School.
    - Traffic stop on Kentucky St.
  - Sunday, Feb. 1:
    - Assisted in looking for a suspicious vehicle on Union City Hwy.
    - Traffic stop on St. Rt. 94.
    - Responded to a 911 hang up on 9th St.
    - Responded to a commercial alarm on 7th St.
    - Investigated a suspicious vehicle on Highland Blvd.
    - Responded to an animal complaint on Marr St.
    - Traffic stop on St. Rt. 94 – Michelle McCutchen arrested for driving under the influence and possession of an open alcohol beverage.
    - Investigated a suspicious person on Moscow Ave.
    - Responded to a call on Harris St.
- Editor's Note:* This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the City of Hickman Police Department. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Police Department at 270-236-2520.

## Sports In Kentucky For the Hickman Courier By Bob Watkins

Lone unbeaten in the Land-of-D-I, Kentucky (22-0) heads to another clamorous SEC outpost where a throng of hostiles wait in numbers that invite a simple, SRO. Destination Gainesville, Florida.

History says the last time a UK team occupied the perfect pinnacle and was awash in noisy admiration, national acclaim and yes, derision too, was March 4, 1966, a Friday.

Kentucky was 22-0, its climb up the polls had blossomed from Little Engine-that-Could storyline to *America's Team*. (Duke was a hoops prep school). Closer to home the team was *Rupp's Runts*. A sure-handed, good shooting and unselfish to a fault, team. One destined for Land-of-Beloved. Coach Adolph Rupp was less grouchy, warmed by glow of praise and *grrrrreat* adjectives. A Sports Illustrated cover story was on its way: Man in the Brown Suit, College Coach of the Year. By first week of the NCAA's, Rupp had passed his old coach at Kansas, Phog Allen, become winningest coach in college hoops, 747.

On that Friday in March 1966 the news item drawing most media attention beyond the war in Vietnam and Kentucky's basketball team, was John Lennon. In a fit of giddy sacrilege that mortified his English handlers, Lennon had the cheek to declare to a reporter, "We (The Beatles) are more popular than Jesus."

While Billy Graham gasped and Oral Roberts fainted (we think), the stir and storm Lennon created, let Rupp and America's Team file quietly onto a charter bus and head down U.S. 25 to Knoxville where Howard Baine and his brutish bunch awaited.

From that Friday on, perhaps ignited by the curse of a Sports Illustrated cover, and fired certainly by a media concoction after the NCAA title game in College Park, Maryland,

Rupp's Runts was transformed from America's team into five white guys and its racist coach.

Fast forward near half-a-century and another No. 1 ranked and unblemished Kentucky team files onto a charter plane this week and heads to Gainesville. For fans old enough to recall Tennessee's manhandling their Wildcats 49 years ago (69-62 and wasn't that close), a win this Saturday would be extra sweet.

Put in current perspective ...

While anything short of 40-0 season will deny this Kentucky team lofty praise as America's team in today's hoops world (Duke is no longer a prep school), the 2014-15 Wildcats are special, to a man, and becoming more so for every blue-to-white platoon change out. Most remarkable, a growing maturity with it's teamness.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats remain the lone unbeaten in the Land-of-D-I.

**LOUISVILLE-CAROLINA**  
A stunning loss (at Carolina January 13), Rick Pitino called it, was erased when the Cardinals exhausted and beat down North Carolina Saturday.

✓ Spotted the visitors an 18-point lead ... then, classic Pitino Ball. Turn up the heat, create bedlam, defend as if there are seven of us, and presto, new evidence: Team nobody wants to play in February and certainly not in March, Louisville.

Notes ...  
✓ Terry Rozier is an All American, period. If there were a Mr. Clutch Award, he would own it.

✓ Montrezl Harrell is a special talent, but his show-boat theatrics will bring special attention at next level from the lummo who take offense to being shown up. Harrell's antics prove that Pitino has mellowed since his time at Kentucky. For showboating,

See SPORTS IN KENTUCKY, page 6

## Traffic Stop

from page 1

in the driver's side floorboard. "Both subjects were transported to the Fulton County Detention Center in Hickman, Ky., and charged with the following:

Arthur Ralston: One headlight, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st offense, carrying a concealed weapon, trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense – (over 2 grams methamphetamine), prescription controlled substance not in proper container, 1st offense, possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense – (over 2 grams methamphetamine), prescription controlled substance not in proper container, 1st offense, possession of a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia – buy/possess.

Terry Atwill: Carrying a concealed weapon (2) counts,

trafficking in a controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense – (over 2 grams methamphetamine), prescription controlled substance not in proper container, 1st offense, possession of a controlled substance 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia – buy/possess.

Ralston and Atwill both are known members of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club which has a Chapter/Clubhouse located in Crutchfield, Ky."

Both subjects currently have a \$5,000.00 cash bond.

The FCSO was assisted at the scene by the FPD.

All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Fulton Co. Sheriff's Department News

The Fulton County Sheriff's Department reports these arrests and citations for Wednesday, Jan. 28 through Monday, Feb. 2:

- Wednesday, Jan. 28:
  - Raneshia Warren of Hickman, Ky., black female, arrested, fugitive.
  - Charlie E. Shempert of Fulton, Ky., white male, arrested, operating on suspended or revoked operator's license, fleeing or evading police, 1st degree (MV), failure of owner to maintain required insurance, no registration plates or receipt, theft of motor vehicle registration plate.
  - Timothy Groves of Hickman, white male, failure to appear out of Muhlenberg County.
  - Crystal Barnett of Hickman, black female, arrested, contempt of court.
  - Crystal Barnett of Hickman, black female, arrested, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia – buy/possess, criminal possession of forged instrument 1st, possession of controlled substance 1st, 1st offense.
- Thursday, Jan. 29:
  - Crystal D. Barnett of Hickman, black female, arrested, arrest warrant – knowingly abuse/neglect of adult by person; criminal possession of forged instrument 1st; identity theft.
  - Matthew Knuckles of Louisville, Ky., black male, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone.
- Friday, Jan. 30:
  - Joseph C. McCoy of South Fulton, Tenn., white male, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st offense, no other state registration receipt, and improper equipment.
  - Emmanuel T. Yarbro of Paducah, Ky., black male, citation, speeding 50/35 mph



zone.

Saturday, Jan. 31:
 

- Willie C. Ceaser of South Fulton, black male, arrested, failure to appear.

• Adysen Swader of South Fulton, white female, citation, speeding 71/55 mph zone.

• Terry L. Atwill of Wingo, Ky., white male, arrested, carry concealed

weapon (2 counts), trafficking in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense – (> or = 2 GMS methamphetamine), prescription controlled substance not in proper container 1st offense, possession of controlled substance 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia – buy/possession.

• Arthur Ralston of Fulton, white male, arrested, one headlight, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 1st offense, carry concealed weapon (2 counts), trafficking in controlled substance, 1st degree, 1st offense (>-or=2GMS methamphetamine), prescription controlled substance not in proper container 1st offense, possession of controlled substance 1st degree, 1st offense (methamphetamine), possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia – buy/possession.

Monday, Feb. 2:
 

- Wardle Edward of Richmond, Ky., white male, arrested, failure to appear.

• Roderick Polk of Union City, Tenn., black male, arrested, failure to appear, bail jumping 1st.

*Editor's Note:* This information was submitted in its entirety by a representative of the Fulton County's Sheriff's Office. Any corrections, changes, or deletions contact the Sheriff's office at 270-236-2545.

## Draft Budget

from page 1

the board has been taking the compensating rate only and last year the board had a rare opportunity to drop taxes."

When creating and reviewing a draft budget, three areas are considered which include Fund 1, Fund 2 (government funding), and 310 (building funds). They also look at bonding potential.

Next year's budget currently sits at \$4.1 million with the anticipation of retaining the staffing positions as they are for this year. "Last year we had to make up approximately \$125,000 after losing \$46,000 in SEEK funds and the misappropriation of funds," Collins explained. "This year we are about \$78,000 off of where we would like to be. We would like to have a little more in contingency funding."

A clearer picture will be revealed once actual revenue figures are received by the district from the state.

"Last year we were able to buy a new bus, went through

misappropriation of \$225,000 and theft of \$140,000 and we were still able to maintain \$632,000 in carry over funding," added Collins. "This success is attributed to the board and the finance staff."

Letters of intent to staff members go out at the end of February and are due back to the central office before March 15 as specified in board policy. If there are any staffing changes in 2015-16, it could create needed adjustments in the draft budget.

The board did approve the draft budget on Jan. 28 and will revisit the budget in May.

The board also set the graduation date of Friday, May 22, with the potential for a change depending on any snow days between now and then.

An amendment was approved in the FY 2014-15 budget.

Discussion continues with the regards to the athletic facilities when Coastal Steel out of Florida contacted the school offering them a 40x75x10 feet steel building for \$25,000. "That's just the nuts, bolts, steel and metal, delivered," Collins noted. "Not installed. It will cost us another \$50,000 for the concrete and plumbing."

The board has budgeted \$119,000 for the athletic facilities upgrades. "If we purchase this steel building, erect it and have the plans for the track how the layout looks for everything it will cost us \$115,000," Collins added. "In the 2015-16 budget we do not have \$119,000 budgeted. The funding just isn't there. However, it is in the 14-15 budget and so we can plan for this year."

"The board will be looking to members of the community to become partners with the district to make this project a reality. We are talking about it and looking at all our options," Collins said.

## SHOP THE CLASSIFIEDS

### FOR SALE

For Sale: 3-bedroom, 2-bath, huge kitchen, dining, living room, 24x30 Rec. room, 30x40 shop with 8'x16' doors, very nice, on three acres near Camden, Tenn. \$169,000 possibilities abound with more options available. Call 224-678-5834 or 224-829-2884.

Classified Advertising  
1-20 words \$5.00; each  
additional word 25¢  
Deadline Tuesday at 10 a.m.  
week of publication

## Housing Authority of Hickman is now accepting applications from Low and Moderate Income families for one, two, three, four and five bedroom apartments.

Apply at Housing Authority  
Office, 50 Holly Court, Hickman,  
KY 42050, or call 270-236-2888,  
8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday  
through Friday.

**Lynn Busby**  
**Executive Director**

**UNITED MONUMENT WORKS**

Monuments  
Markers  
Mausoleums  
Bronze  
Pet Markers

"EXCELLENCE IS OUR STANDARD"

Hickman-Fulton representative,  
**Paul Henderson**  
270-236-3608  
or 731-536-6035  
email: umtwks@att.net  
1412 N. Hwy. 45W  
2-1/2 Miles from Union City  
VISA • MASTERCARD  
Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. by appt.

**TAKING APPLICATIONS**

**HICKMAN MANOR Apartments**

1706 Union City Hwy. • Hickman, KY 42050

**One Bedroom Unit**

- Rent Based on Income
- Ground Level Units
- Kitchen appliances furnished
- All electric with central heat/air

Eligibility restricted to seniors/disabled

Applications available at office  
For more information call:  
**270-236-7950**  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer

**PRINCESS THEATRES OF MAYFIELD, L.L.C.**

**Mayfield Shopping Plaza**  
1102 Paris Road, Mayfield, KY

**24 HOUR SHOW INFO**  
270-251-3583

www.princessofmayfield.com  
Bargain Matinees - All seats \$5.50.  
All shows that start before 6:00 p.m.

**Fri., Feb. 6 – Thurs., Feb. 12**

**THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE pg**  
**SPONGE OUT OF WATER**  
Fri. 7:00; Sat. & Sun. 1:45, 4:00, 7:00; Mon. thru Thurs. 7:00

**AMERICAN SNIPER R**  
Fri. 7:00; Sat. & Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Mon. thru Thurs. 7:00

Vonciel Leyhue, Maria Jackson, and Judy Milner.

The following items will be served at the Senior Center next week:

### Monday, Feb. 9

Pork roast, pinto beans, turnip greens, apples with raisins, corn muffin, and skim milk.

### Tuesday, Feb. 10

Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, steamed broccoli, congealed strawberry dessert, banana, and skim milk.

### Wednesday, Feb. 11

Taco salad, buttered corn, cornbread, tropical fruit, chocolate wafers, and skim milk.

### Thursday, Feb. 12

Meatloaf, roasted potatoes and carrots, creamy slaw, whole-wheat bread, fruit cocktail, and skim milk.

### Friday, Feb. 13

Baked country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, baby lima beans, whole-wheat bread, frozen fruit salad, and skim milk.

**HELP WANTED**

**Class A and/or Class B Route Drivers and Truck Drivers for route sales and delivery positions.**

Applications may be picked up at Turner Dairy/Prairie Farms, 219 E. Fourth St., in Fulton, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Turner Dairy/Prairie Farms is an Equal Opportunity Employer

**HELENA**

**Chemical, Hickman, KY**  
is seeking applicants for:

**Laborers**

Applicants must have Class A CDL drivers' license.  
Apply in person, M - F, 7 - 4.



# Joint efforts bring \$5,000 worth of equipment to Fulton County ATC

Charlotte Smith  
**Editor**

A joint effort between the Fulton County Area Technology Center (ATC), the Fulton County-Hickman County Economic Development Partnership (EDP) and the West Kentucky Workforce and Investment Board has the students at the ATC reaping the benefits. Last week the students showed off new tools and equipment they now have to work with in their Machine Tool and Welding class, including a 40-ton Air/Hydraulic shop press with a \$5,000 grant.

“The EDP was very pleased to be able to partner with Mr. Dallas Pruitt and the ATC on this grant,” stated EDP Executive Director Eddie Crittendon. “The funds from this grant were provided by the West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board and our partnership. The \$5,000 worth of equipment we provided helps to insure that the students who graduate from these classes will have the skills they need

to be able to join tomorrow’s workforce. The ATC that serves our three high schools does a wonderful job in helping to prepare students for the future and they are an intricate part of the future economic success of Fulton and Hickman counties. The administration and faculty of the ATC do a great job with the students and we were glad that we could help provide some much needed equipment for their programs.”

The grant, entitled “Operation Workforce” purchased the following items for the ATC students:

- 40-ton Air/Hydraulic shop press
- 10 sets of Machinist Caliper and Micrometer sets
- 2 Indexable Turning Sets
- 12” dial height gage
- Band saw blades
- Auto Darkening Welding Helmet
- 10 machinist scribes
- Deburring tools
- Misc. Sizes of taps

- 1” Belt Sander
- Misc. grits of belts for the 1” belt sander

With these tools the students will now enjoy more hands on learning with newer equipment, wearing out the olds ones.

Pruitt took time to demonstrate the 40 ton air/hydraulic shop press which will aid the students with a variety of projects. “With this new press the students can shape metal and form 90 degree angles,” Pruitt said. “The primary reason for the addition of the press is to promote additional student learning. The press enables the students to see how structurally sound their welds are, giving them the ability to test them.”

“The West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board has been a great partner in developing a skilled labor force in the Purchase Region. Projects like Operation Workforce provides each county an opportunity to make a lasting impact on the local labor force,” added Medlock. “With the purchase of this equipment, students will gain experience using real-world equipment, therefore they will be more employable.”



**AIR/HYDRAULIC SHOP PRESS DEMONSTRATION** - Fulton County Area Technology (ATC) students (l to r) Tanner Ford, Matthew Bodon, Beau Simmons, Akilias Abbott, and Davis Major, along with Dallas Pruitt, Machine Tool and Welding Instructor; Eddie Crittendon, Executive Director for the Fulton County - Hickman County Economic Development Partnership; and Mary Anne Medlock, Special Projects Coordinator at Purchase Area Development District talk about the benefits of having a 40 ton air/hydraulic shop press at the ATC. The press and other tools were made possible through a Workforce Grant.

## Join the Get Moving Fulton County Biggest Loser Competition

The obesity rate for the state of Kentucky is 31%. Fulton County’s rate of 32% is listed among the 10 unhealthiest counties in the state! The Center for Disease Control and Prevention found that more than 22% of Americans do not engage in any physical activity, that percentage is greater than 30% in Kentucky. We want to help change those statistics one pound at a time. It is our goal to provide information and support to anyone who wants to lose weight and/or achieve a healthier lifestyle.

Are you, your friends or co-workers looking to get active, lose a few pounds or make some new goals? Do you need a supportive environment to help you with lifestyle changes? Are you motivated by completion? Do you need help with your New Year’s resolutions? Would you just like to embrace a healthier life style? If you answered yes, then you need to sign up for Get Moving Fulton County provided by Fulton County Cooperative Extension Service. There will be Biggest Loser type competition with weekly weigh in and health information emailed or mailed to you for your convenience. Also four support meetings with optional weigh in, including opportunities for education, physical activity and recipe tasting.

Each team can consist of one to five members. The cost is \$5 per person. There will be an informational meeting/first weigh-in on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fulton County Extension Office in Hickman for all participants. Please call



the Extension Office at 236-2351 by Monday, Feb. 9 to register you and/or team. We will need the name of your team, the name and phone number of the captain and the number of members on your team when you register.

The registration fee will be due at the meeting on Feb. 10 and you will receive informational packets. Everyone will be required to weigh-in in person on the first weigh-in day, Feb. 10 and again on the final weigh-in day on Tuesday, April 21. This can be done at the Fulton County Extension Office in Hickman anytime between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Each Monday in between those dates, you can either weigh in at the Extension Office at your convenience (from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or call/email in your weight by 4:30 p.m. that day. The weekly standings will be posted on the Extension Office’s website on each Tuesday. There will be an awards program on Thursday, April 30 announcing the winners.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

**WORKFORCE GRANT EQUALS EQUIPMENT FOR ATC** - Last week students at the Fulton County Area Technology Center in the Machine Tool and Welding class showed off their new equipment, including a 40 ton Air/Hydraulic shop press and other tools courtesy of a \$5,000 Operation Workforce Grant. Students displaying items such as machinist caliper and micrometer sets, gages, saw blades, welding helmet and more, include: (l to r) Kyle Henderson, Josh Madding, Akilias Abbott, Steven Allen, Kayla Boaz, Davis Major, Beau Simmons, Morgan Northworthy, Tanner Ford, Matthew Bodon, Tyler Westbrooks, Eddie Crittendon, Executive Director for the Fulton County - Hickman County Economic Development Partnership; Tailer Massey, Terrence Hussey, and Dallas Pruitt, Machine Tool and Welding Instructor at the Fulton County Area Technology Center.

## Kimble Spotlight

from page 1

second week of February to be “Negro History Week.”

This week was chosen because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and of Frederick Douglass on February 14, both of which dates Black communities had celebrated together since the late 19th century.

These celebrations give us a glimpse into the past of people who made a difference in our lives.

Here, now in 2015, we again remember them as we bring attention to the present and future.

Fulton County High School (FCHS) Senior Lucy Kimble is one of those who is looking to control her own future by taking three college classes this year, including Public Speaking, Psychology and English 101. She also became college ready in October 2014.

Kimble is planning on studying nursing at West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC). “I will be the first in my family to attend college,” she said on Monday. “I want to go to WKCTC to become a nurse.”

A nursing career wasn’t always on Kimble’s mind. “I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do until I started taking Ms. Heather Elder’s health classes at the Fulton County Area Technology Center,” she noted. “My favorite class was MNA (Medicaid Nurse Aide), which helps prepare you to be a CNA.”

Kimble’s love for interaction with people has also led her down the path of nursing. “I would love to work in a nursing home like Haws Memorial or ICF,” she said. “I did my clinicals at ICF.” Lucy would like to remain close to home following graduation from WKCTC.

Choosing to go to college is a decision Kimble has made so she can have a better life. “I advice those getting ready to enter high school to take it seriously,” she said. “Don’t wait until your senior year to try to do stuff like I did. It will help you have a better life where you don’t have to struggle.”

As for February being Black History Month, Kimble is glad that it is still celebrated after all these years. “Sometimes I get so

busy I forget about it,” she said. “So I am happy that we are reminded about what others who came before did to make it easier for me to attend college.”

Kimble is a four year member of the Lady Pilot basketball team at FCHS. In high school, she is active in the Pilot Academy, the HOSA Club, Pilot Army, Spanish Club, Jesus and Me/FCA Club and the SADD Club. Lucy has been a member of the Basketball All-Tournament Team, All District Team, and FCHS Athlete of the Week.

## Sports in Kentucky

from page 5

Antoine Walker was benched.

✓ Compared to Pitino’s relentless whip-and-drive ‘em’ passion to coach, Tar Heels’ Roy Williams is a veritable pygmy at firing his team to, against UofL, protect a two-digit lead. The Tar Heels looked tired, out of shape and disjointed and their coach had no answers.

Methinks Williams is pre-occupied with NCAA investigation of his program at Chapel Hill.

If Tar Heel basketball players took phantom classes dating to Dean Smith coaching days as alleged, the question rises: Will the NCAA rule Williams “not responsible because he didn’t know?” (John Calipari free pass at UMass and Memphis), or, will UNC’s coach be held accountable based on what a coach should know is going on in his program?

**GAME GONE UGLY?**

“... (college basketball) as a whole is ugly and slow and unskilled,” sayeth Yahoo Sports’ Pat Forde in a column the other

day.

The two teams at the top, he added, (UK and, at the time, Virginia) “aren’t helping.”

Specifically, he opines, “Kentucky’s best attribute is sheer size and brute force and watching the Wildcats play isn’t “exactly a thrill ride.”

That college basketball has become brutish, at times hard to watch, and worse, NBA-ish, is true.

But to the latter, Forde’ betrays having not watched Kentucky play or has chosen to accentuate defenses played against the Wildcats and ignore the open floor doings of Tyler Ulis, graceful firings by Devin Booker and opportunities created by both for teammates.

I would add, officiating of college games, ones on television at least, are weak, uneven and officials look the other way while coaches behave like children at the playground.

And so it goes.

You can reach me at bob. Watkins24@aol.com.



Lucy Kimble

**The Rt. Rev. Terry A. White**  
*8th Bishop of Kentucky*  
will be the Celebrant for a  
**Saturday afternoon, Feb. 7 service**  
**at 2:00 pm**  
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.  
*A reception will follow in the Parish House.*

## COLOR COPIES NOW AVAILABLE

We can now make color copies of pictures that we take at different events or color copy your prints

1- 5 copies — \$1 each	Copies on Glossy Stock paper
5 - 99 copies — 75¢ each	\$5 for the first copy
100+ copies — 50¢ each	\$2 for each additional copy
on standard stock paper	100+ copies — \$1 each

1232 Moscow Ave. • Hickman, KY • 270-236-3412  
hickmancourier@bellsouth.net • www.hickmancourier.com

We are here to help with  
all your advertising needs!

270-236-3412

270-472-1121

270-472-1121

270-653-3381

270-562-3032

Call us for special discounts for advertisers when you run in one of our sister papers. Reach over 14,000 households weekly for the biggest return on your advertising investment.



## Co-op Merger

from page 1

already completed our first preliminary study with them and we are waiting for West Kentucky's financial comparison to review it," explained Kimbell. "We have hopes of receiving it by February 16."

The next step would be for the board to review both Co-ops, deciding which one to pursue further with a possible merger. "Making this decision by February 28 would eliminate having to hire a new manager or naming an interim manager," Kimbell added. "If we select a particular Co-op to study further about merging, we would contract with them to serve as our manager."

Kimbell believes that member-owners will benefit not only immediately but also down the road if a merger were to take place. "It will be cheaper in the long run to do it that way," he said. "It will save us the expense of a salary and benefits for either a new or

interim manager."

HFRECC Board has prioritized the following requirements for Gibson EMC or West Kentucky RECC, if either are to be considered for a merger consolidation, and all parties have agreed to these terms:

1. The merger consolidation would ensure that HFRECC members see a decrease in the rates that they pay today, and into the future.

2. That all current employees of HFRECC would remain employees with the new merged Co-op.

3. That the Hickman office and warehouse remain and become a district office of the new merged Co-op permanently.

4. That a Substation for Carlisle County or necessary distribution upgrades be completed by the end of 2017.

5. That the current level of Operations and Maintenance Budget

continue, so we can ensure future system reliability improvements.

While it is true that no two Co-ops in the TVA have merged, Kimbell informs us that their have been other Co-ops in different parts of Kentucky who do not receive their power from TVA have merged. "Several mergers between Co-ops have occurred around the country and at least two in Kentucky in the last 25 years," he added.

"Merging with a Co-op eliminates the need for a purchase price," he noted. "This ultimately helps keep the rates down, too."

By law a "muni" (municipality) cannot merge with a Co-op, one would have to buy out the other. "Either way if we buy them out or they buy us out, someone would have to pay," Kimbell stated. "If a merger happens between us and another Co-op, we would encourage the merged Co-op to look at Hickman Electric System

(HES) in the future if HES has an interest, but we are not interested in them at this time because we are looking to merge with a Co-op."

Secondly, due to HES's size a buyout would not benefit our rate payers on either side.

The current timeline during merger talks does include HFRECC's board hoping to decide by the end of February which one to possibly merge with and will still require the board to continue gathering more information. "We will gather more financial information before proceeding, which could take a few months," added Kimbell. "The hope would be to put it to a vote before the member-owners of both Co-op some time this summer."

With that said, HFRECC will continue to provide the public with information as it becomes available. "There will be many meetings with the member-owners before the vote later this summer," Kimbell said.

Kimbell understands that the survey sent out to its member-owners was very vague. "We couldn't release any information more than we did because sensitive financial information is involved," he explained.

HFRECC sent out 2,800 surveys. "As of today we have approximately 650 surveys returned out of 2,800, we do not have any results yet, they are being tabulated by the survey company," stated Grissom. "By the end of this week we should have all surveys returned and have full results by the end of the second week of February. Some comments say 'I don't care where I get my power I just want the cheapest option', others say 'I am happy with my service and I don't want anything to change.'"

Another portion of the survey having customers commenting with the following, "Typically it seems that a customer with a high level of power consumption is more concerned about rates, particularly the commercial and industrial customers which make up more than 50% of our total revenue. While a segment of the residential customers, that have low consumption seem to care more on the fact that we currently have achieved a high level of customer loyalty because of the good job are employees have done with customer service."

The survey was sent out to see if and how any member-owners are served by more than one of the three Co-ops. "Some might have a preference as to which one we merge with depending on which Co-ops already serve them," added Kimbell.

Currently HFRECC services 3,700 meters. In comparison, Gibson EMC currently serves 35,000 meters and West KY maintains 38,500. This calculates to 5 meters per mile of line for HFRECC and 12 meters per mile of line for Gibson EMC and 9 for West Ky.

As more information becomes available additional articles and press releases will follow. It could take several months to finalize a merger, if and when it becomes a reality. Member-owners of both Co-ops wishing to merge will place the final and deciding vote on the merger. The earliest a vote could be put before the member-owners would be during the annual meeting on June 23.

**Gibson Co. Electric Membership Corporation's Dan Rodamaker, President and CEO, responds to the Hickman Courier's questions about the possible merger with HFRECC.**

**Why does your board feel this would be a good move for Gibson Electric and their owner-members?**

Gibson Electric Membership Corporation's board feels it is a good idea to talk with Hickman-

Fulton Counties RECC's board about the possibility of a merger/consolidation because our members and Hickman-Fulton's members could benefit from increased efficiencies in the areas of personnel, equipment, and purchasing.

Our board and our employees are here to serve our members and our objective is to do what's in their best interest. Hickman-Fulton's board and employees also are trying to do what's in their members' best interest. This merger/consolidation would not increase Gibson EMC members' rates, but it would lower Hickman-Fulton's members' rates.

Of course, we also are concerned about our employees too. No employee would lose his or her job as a result of the merger. In short, we believe that a merger/consolidation would result in a better utility for everyone.

**How will the owner members benefit? short term? and down the road - 20 years from now?**

In the short-term, a merger/consolidation with Gibson EMC would give Hickman-Fulton members a substantial rate decrease. The long-term result of a merger/consolidation would be a new utility even better equipped to deliver reliable, affordable and safe service to our members.

**I understand that two Co-ops in TVA have never merged before - why now? Why these two?**

Our two Co-ops are neighbors and we have partnered closely for about four years on shared services. With the resignation of Hickman-Fulton President and CEO Greg Grissom to become President/CEO of Pennyrite Electric, our boards felt it was a good time to explore the possibility of a merger/consolidation.

While we each have good systems on our own, we believe there is an opportunity to be great together.

At Gibson EMC we're thankful that on our last residential survey our members gave us an American Customer Satisfaction Index score of 91 - the highest of large utilities in the country, but we're always looking to improve. With a joint focus on safety, operational excellence and customer service, we believe that we can give our members even better service together.

**How will it affect service?**

Like Hickman-Fulton, Gibson EMC is a very progressive cooperative that embraces technology. Both Co-ops share the same automated metering infrastructure (AMI), the same pre-payment option for our members, the same member information system and the same geographic information system. Our Co-ops also are connected with fiber for a two-way communications platform and we share servers for email and Voice over IP phone systems. We believe a merger/consolidation would yield even better service through efficiencies and expanded expertise.

**Which Co-op takes control?**

If our systems merge or consolidate, neither Co-op will take control. Partnering as we've done in the past and considering a merger/consolidation is simply applying the seventh cooperative principle - cooperation among cooperatives. It's what we should do to best serve our members.

**Will there be fewer board members?**

There would likely be fewer board members, but the board members would represent specific geographical areas within the merged/consolidated utility. The Co-ops' members within a geographical area would elect a board member from within that same area.

**Will there be less employees in the short term? or down the road?**

Hickman-Fulton's board

and Gibson EMC's board have agreed that a merger/consolidation would only be considered if it ultimately would save members money through economies of scale and protect local jobs - including those held by the employees of both systems. If our systems merged/consolidated, the Hickman office would remain open and the employees who work in that location would keep their jobs and compensation. Down the road, any organizational changes would be accomplished through attrition or retirement.

**West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative's David Smart, President & CEO, responds to The Hickman Courier's questions about exploring a possible merger with HFRECC.**

**Why did WKRECC decide to explore the option of merging with HFRECC?**

Cooperative board members are elected to look out for the best interest of their member-owners. As fiduciaries of the cooperative, board members are called to make sound financial decisions for their cooperatives. There are many reasons why WKRECC decided to explore the option of merging with HFRECC. Both cooperatives are financially sound, operate under Kentucky law, buy wholesale power from TVA, share many of the same values and commitment to service, have similar operating procedures and provide service in some of the same counties. It just makes sense to explore the possibility of a merger.

**How will it benefit your member-owners once the merger goes through and down the road - 10, 20 years from now?**

In the event that the merger goes through, our member-owners would benefit from economies of scale such as financial, operational and contractual efficiencies. These economies of scale will lead to future rate stability and delayed rate actions. Our member-owners would also benefit from the expansion of resources and expertise.

**How will it affect rates?**

HFRECC members would see a rate reduction. All member-owners of the combined cooperative would benefit from future rate stability and delayed rate actions.

**How will it affect the number of employees?**

All current employees will remain to meet the combined needs of both cooperatives.

**How will it affect service in both areas?**

The quality of service in both areas would be enhanced due to interconnections that could be made between the two systems that would allow for back-feed capabilities that currently do not exist. Our detailed maintenance programs and planned system improvements will further enhance reliability. The employees' commitment to provide excellent service for the member-owners will continue.

**Are you planning on sending out a survey to your member-owners like HFRECC did?**

At this time, we do not plan on sending out a survey to our member-owners. In the event the boards decide to proceed with a detailed merger study, we would establish a merger communications plan that not only reaches the member-owners of WKRECC but also the member-owners of HFRECC.

**Do you plan on meeting with your member-owners? If so, when?**

At this point we don't have any meetings planned with our member-owners. However, if our boards decide to go forward with the merger study, we will evaluate the need for town hall meetings as part of our merger communications plan.

## Register for Fulton County area, South Fulton Relay For Life today



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Fulton/South Fulton/Hickman/Cayce provides the local communities a chance to help raise awareness

and support for the fight against cancer.

Any business, church, civic group or family can register to be part of the 2015 event by visiting [www.relayforlife.org/fultonky](http://www.relayforlife.org/fultonky) or by calling (270) 444-0743. This year's Relay For Life will take place on Friday, June 5, from 6

p.m. until midnight at Pontotoc Park.

"Relay For Life draws attention to the progress being made in the fight against cancer," said Anna Pearson, local Relay For Life volunteer. "Many participants are our family, friends and neighbors who have faced cancer themselves. Their involvement helps bring hope that, together, we can eliminate cancer as a major health problem."

Teams are encouraged to come out that evening to walk, eat and participate in games, activities and entertainment, as well as special ceremonies to recognize cancer survivors and those who have passed away from cancer.

Survivors will help kick off

the event with the Survivors Lap while the rest of the event's participants surround the walking path to cheer. Later will be the Luminaria Ceremony with illuminated bags to recognize survivors and caregivers, and also honor and remember those who have passed away from cancer.

Any cancer survivor and those currently battling cancer can register to be recognized during the survivor lap and also attend the annual survivors dinner by calling 1-800-227-2345 or (270) 444-0743, or by going online to [www.relayforlife.org/fultonky](http://www.relayforlife.org/fultonky).

Participating teams are also asked to raise funding to support the American Cancer Society and help educate people about cancer prevention and early detection, provide programs and services such as Hope Lodges in Nashville and Memphis, 24/7 access to cancer information and assistance, and free wig rooms for cancer patients at ACS offices in Paducah and Jackson, Tenn., and fund cancer research grants to find better ways to detect, treat and prevent cancers.

For more information on the American Cancer Society or for connections to local, available resources for cancer patients and caregivers, call 1-800-227-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

**Welcome Reception**  
Please join us in welcoming Ben Rudy, the new Fulton County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, on Thursday, Feb. 5, from 3 - 6 at the Fulton County Extension Office

**Friday the 13th Subscriber Special**  
**One Day Only!**  
**A 13 Month Subscription Online Only \$13.13**  
No activation fee required.  
Go to [www.hickmancourier.com](http://www.hickmancourier.com)  
Click on Subscribe and Enter the Promo Code: hcfriday

**Print Subscribers: Get a 13 Month subscription for the price of 12 months \$32**  
**Offer valid Friday, February 13 only!**

**The Hickman Courier**

**Special Delivery**  
**WE HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR VALENTINE**  
• Chocolate Covered Strawberries White and Milk Chocolate Bouquet or Single  
• Chocolate Covered Marshmallows  
• Cheesecake Filled Strawberries  
• Heart-shaped Personal Cheese Cakes and Pecan Pies  
• Red Velvet Cake  
**BLACK'S PECAN**  
1302 MOSCOW AVE. • HICKMAN, KY • 270-236-0247  
**Hours:**  
Mon. - Fri. • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday • 8 a.m. - 12 noon





Photo by Jenna Smith

**SURROUNDED** - Lady Pilots Leslie Beth Jackson, #14, Jocelyn Mosely, #15, and KyLira Williams, #24, surround a Lady Falcon from Lake County during high school basketball action on Saturday, Jan. 31. The Lady Pilots defeated the Lady Falcons 51-39 on Senior Night.

Lady Pilots add two wins to season record

Charles Choate  
**Courier Correspondent**  
The Fulton County Lady Pilots won two of three games this past week, upping their season record to (12-10).

Coach Leonard Smith's team lost their only game on the road at Ballard Memorial, while rebounding to post wins over Community Christian Academy and Lake County.

**Ballard Memorial 55**  
**Lady Pilots 39 (at LaCenter)**  
The Lady Bombers took advantage of seven 3-point shots in the game to hand Fulton County a 16-point loss.

Jayde Newton connected on five of the treys against the Lady Pilots, while her teammate McKenzie Blackford led all scorers with 18 points.

The loss by Coach Leonard Smith's team evened their season record of (10-10).

Lucy Kimble led Fulton County with 11 points, followed by Leslie Beth Jackson 10, KyLira Williams 10, Jocelyn Mosley 2 and Alana Coffey 2.

Coffey was the leading rebounder on the night with five.

**Lady Pilots 52**  
**Community Christian Academy 21 (at Hickman)**

Ten Lady Pilots entered their names in the scoring column during the Homecoming Night win over the Lady Warriors.

Coach Leonard Smith's team turned a close 10-4 game in the first quarter, into a 24-6 advantage at halftime.

A big 17-3 run in the third period sealed the win, as Fulton County entered the final eight minutes of the game leading 41-9.

Alana Coffey led all scorers on the night with 12 points, followed by Lucy Kimble 10, KyLira Williams 7, Leslie Beth Jackson 4, AnnaGregory Grissom 4, Jekiya Warren 4, Leah Weatherly 4, Zaria Ervin 3, Jada Beth Mathews 2 and Jocelyn Mosely 2.

Lyndsey Meadow led the Lady Warriors in the game with 8



Photo by Jenna Smith

**MAKING HER MOVE** - Lady Pilot Dixie Major, #12, a senior and four year member of the basketball team looks to make her move during the Lake County game on Senior Night on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Fulton County High School 2014-15 Basketball Schedule	
Feb. 6.....Hickman Co.....	BJV/GV/BV.....4:30
Feb. 7.....Cairo, Ill.....	GV/BV.....4:00
Feb. 13.....Fulton City.....	GV/BV.....6:00
Feb. 16.....Christian Fellowship.....	FrB/GV.....6:00
Feb. 20.....Graves Co.....	BJV/BV.....6:00
Feb. 23-27.....Districts @ Carlisle	
Mar. 2-8.....Regionals @ MSU	
Home games in bold	

points.

**Lady Pilots 51**  
**Lake County 39**  
Coach Leonard Smith's team posted a big home win against the Tennesseans, as they improved their season record to (12-10).

A big statistic on the night for the Lady Pilots came from their efforts at the charity stripe.

Fulton County blistered the nets on 24-of-34 free throws,

with Lucy Kimble leading the way with a 10-for-10 night.

Alana Coffey turned in a big effort with 16 points and six rebounds for the Lady Pilots, with Lucy Kimble finishing the game with 15 points.

Jocelyn Mosley added 8 points, followed by Leslie Beth Jackson 5, AnnaGregory Grissom 4, KyLira Williams 2 and Leah Weatherly 1.



Photo by Charles Choate

**FOUL** - Fulton County's Alana Coffey (5) gets fouled by Community Christian's E.K. Carter (3) during a layup attempt in their game in Hickman. Coffey went on to make the shot and free throw, and led all scorers on the night with 12 points. The Lady Pilots celebrated Homecoming Night by winning their 11th game of the year 52-21.



Photo by Charles Choate

**TO THE BASKET** - Daisy Major (11) drives to the basket for Fulton County, as Community Christian's Laken Vaughn (11) and E.K. Carter (3) pursue the ball. The Lady Pilots had a big night on the court, as ten players scored points in a 52-21 win over the Lady Warriors.

Pilots split in busy week on court

Charles Choate  
**Courier Correspondent**  
The Fulton County Pilots saw a lot of playing time this week, as the team hit the road twice, and hosted two games in Hickman.

During the week, Coach Mitchell Williamson's team split the four games, with their record now at (10-14).

**Pilots 58**  
**Christian Fellowship 24 (at Benton)**

Fulton County jumped out to a 25-2 first quarter lead enroute to their 9th win of the year.

The Pilots (9-12) held a 35-9 half-time advantage, which stretched to 55-11 ending the third period.

Seven players posted their name in the scoring column for Fulton County, led by Steven Roberson's 13 points.

Joe Holman had 9 points for the Pilots, followed by Devontae Hampton 8, Aaron King 8, Davis Major 8, Dre Smith 7 and Justin Jones 5.

Jordan Choate was the high scorer in the game for Christian Fellowship with 8 points.

**Ballard Memorial 68**  
**Pilots 61 (at LaCenter)**

A strong third quarter for the Bombers helped them come from behind to beat the Pilots by seven points.

Fulton County (9-13) took a 35-31 lead into the halftime period, but a 16-8 scoring advantage by Ballard in the third quarter spurred their 47-43 lead.

Coach Mitchell Williamson's team was able to play close on the night, thanks in part to four 3-point shots from both Davis Major and Dre Smith.

Major and Steven Roberson led the Pilots on the night with 17 points each, followed by Dre Smith 15, Aaron King 9 and Devontae Hampton 3.

Cody Newton was the games leading scorer for Ballard Memorial with 21 points.

**Pilots 63**  
**Community Christian Academy 33 (at Hickman)**

Following a close first quarter, the Fulton County Pilots regrouped to post a 30 point win on Homecoming Night.

Holding a 15-8 advantage at the end of the first period, the Pilots upped their advantage to 29-17 by halftime.

It was in the third quarter that Coach Mitchell Williamson's team mounted a 30-8 run over the Warriors, which sealed the home win.

Steven Roberson led Fulton County with 15 points, followed by Aaron King 14, Dre Smith 10, Terrell Wilson 7, Ryan Williams 5, Devontae Hampton 4, Davis Major 4 and Justin Jones 4.

Braden Smith was the leading scorer for Community Christian with 13 points.

**Lake County 78**  
**Pilots 64 (at Hickman)**

A big third quarter for the Falcons, which included three 3-point shots, proved to be the difference in the loss by the Pilots.

Fulton County battled back from a 20-14 first quarter deficit to take a 34-33 halftime lead on their home court.

Lake County then came from the dressing room and mounted a 24-15 scoring advantage in the third period which set the tone for the remainder of the game.

"The 3-point shots just killed us in the third," said Coach Mitchell Williamson. "We played well for most of the game, but there were many possessions that we didn't put points on the board."

The Pilots hit on 25 of 40 free throws on the night and had three players in double figures.

Steven Roberson led all scorers with 23 points, followed by Dre Smith 16, Davis Major 15, Aaron King 6, Devontae Hampton 2 and Terrell Wilson 2.

Jamario Jones and Rashawn Taylor each had 16 points in the game for Lake County.

**LOOKING FOR THE STEAL** - (At right) Dre Smith, #5, for the Fulton County Pilots looks to steal the ball from a Lake County player on Saturday night. Smith scored 16 points in the 78-64 loss on Senior Night.



Photo by Charles Choate

**TALL ORDER** - Fulton County's Davis Major (20) puts in a shot over the outstretched arms of Community Christian Academy center Braden Smith (15). The Pilots won their 10th game of the year by beating the Warriors 63-33.



Photo by Charles Choate

**REVERSE LAYUP** - Terrell Wilson (14) slides under the basket to make this reverse layup for the Pilots, as Community Christian players Preston Muir (14) and Jonathan Wingfield (10) look on. Wilson scored seven points in the game, as Fulton County posted a Homecoming Night win 63-33.



**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**BOOSTER HONOR** - Pilot athletes Darcy Patrick (left) and Alana Coffey (right) have been named the Fulton County Booster Club's "Athletes of the Week" for their recent play in fall sports.

Darcy is a Senior and a member of the high school cheerleading team. Alana is a Freshman and a member of the high school girls basketball team.

Photo by Barbara Atwill

**FULTON COUNTY PILOTS**

**congratulations**

**If You're Leaving Your Employer, Do You Know Your 401(k) Options?**

At Edward Jones, we can explain options for your 401(k), including leaving the money in your former employer's plan, moving it to your new employer's plan, rolling it over to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or cashing out the account subject to tax consequences. We can help you review your options so that you can select the one that's best for you. If you decide to roll it over to an Edward Jones IRA, we can help.

To learn more, call or visit your financial advisor today.

**John M. Alexander, CFP®, AAMS®**  
Financial Advisor  
509 Broadway Suite 98  
South Fulton, TN 38257  
731-479-2233

www.edwardjones.com Member SIPC

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



# First District Runner-Up

## District crown eludes Jr. Lady Pilots

**Charles Choate**  
**Courier Correspondent**

The Fulton County Middle School Lady Pilots ended their season last week with an impressive (11-3) record.

But for Coach Merry Williams and players, the downfall of the story comes from the fact that all three of those losses came at the hands of the Jr. Lady Comets of Carlisle County.

The last loss, and the one that dealt the greatest sting, came in Hickman last Thursday, when Carlisle County claimed the First District Tournament championship with a 43-26 win over Fulton County.

"It's not the way we wanted to go out," said Coach Williams, whose team took home the second place trophy. "We played them to within five points in our last game here, but we just got beat down the floor early on in the game and couldn't come back."

The Jr. Lady's had advanced to the championship game, when they defeated Hickman County 51-22 in the opening round of the tournament.

**Jr. Lady Pilots 51**  
**Hickman County 22**  
**(at Hickman)**

Hoping to punch their ticket to the championship game of the First District Tournament, Fulton County came out strong and played well on the night, handing the Jr. Lady Falcons a 29 point loss.

With Nikia Smith and Karlle Williams combining for 14 first quarter points, Coach Merry Williams' team jumped in front 22-4, and upped the lead to 34-14 at the halftime intermission.

Alaya Barnett's eight points in the third period allowed Fulton County to extend their lead even farther, as they entered the final six minutes of play leading 45-21.

Delaynee Cermak led all scorers in the game with 14, with Nikia Smith adding 12, Karlle Williams 11, Alaya Barnett 8, Savannah Roberts 3 and Grace Elder 3.

Hickman County was led in the game by Akacia Taylor with 13 points.

**Carlisle County 43**  
**Jr. Lady Pilots 26**

**(at Hickman)**

The chance for the Jr. Lady Pilots to capture the First District title was all but squashed after the first two quarters of play.

Carlisle County came out and dominated the first half, taking a 28-4 halftime lead, that was just to insurmountable for Coach Merry Williams team to overcome.

"We just could not get the ball down the court. We didn't get to play on our end," said Coach Williams about the two opening quarters. "The girls were really excited after the first win and I thought we would be ready to play. We kept our heads up in the second half and didn't quit playing, but we just couldn't catch up."

The Jr. Lady Pilots did not hang their head in the final two periods, and in fact won the second half by a score of 22-15.

Only three players entered their names in the score books for Fulton County on the night.

Karlie Williams and Delaynee Cermak each had 10 points in the game, while Nikia Smith added 6.

The games leading scorer was Carlisle County's Taylor Carrico, who led the way with 15 points.



Photo by David Whitesell

**GOING FOR TWO** - Jr. Lady Pilot Alaya Barnett, #30, goes up for a two-point shot against a Jr. Lady Falcon defender with Jr. Lady Pilot teammates Savannah Roberts, #0, and Cailey Prehoda, #21, looking on. Barnett scored 8 points in the first round of the First District Middle School basketball tournament on Tuesday, Jan. 27. The Jr. Lady Pilots won the game 51-22 sending them to the Thursday night championship game.



Savanna Roberts



Karlie Williams



Photo by David Whitesell

**NO WHERE TO GO** - Jr. Lady Pilot Ayana Cox, #1, has a Jr. Lady Falcon defender covering her as teammate Retiazsha Chambers, #15 comes in to assist. The Jr. Lady Pilots won the Tuesday evening game 51-22 sending them to the Thursday night, Jan. 29 championship game against the Jr. Lady Comets.



Nikia Smith



Fulton County Middle School Cheerleaders



Delaynee Cermak



Photos by: Jenna Smith (basketball action shots) and Charlotte Smith (cheerleading photos)

**Congratulations**

**FULTON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**JUNIOR LADY PILOTS**

**DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UP**

**We Are Proud of Your Accomplishment**

**Fulton County Board of Education**

**Hickman Electric System**

1228 Moscow Ave. • Hickman, KY • 270-236-3951

would like to

**Congratulate**

**Fulton County Middle School**

**Junior Lady Pilots**

**ON A JOB WELL DONE**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Fulton County Middle School**

**Junior Lady Pilots**

**WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT**

**Julie Jackson**

**and Michael Cole**

Principal and Vice Principal, Fulton Co. Elementary/Middle School

**Congratulations**

**FULTON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**JUNIOR LADY PILOTS**

**We Are Proud Of You!**

**Major & Major**

Attorneys-At-Law

203 Moulton St. • Hickman, KY • 270-236-7093

This is an advertisement

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Fulton County Middle School**

**Junior Lady Pilots**

**WE ARE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT**

**River Valley**

AGCREDIT

1514 Union City Hwy • Hickman, KY • 270-236-2531

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Fulton County Middle School**

**Junior Lady Pilots**

**WE ARE PROUD OF YOU**

**Strong Funeral Home Chapel**

903 Broadway • Hickman, KY • 270-236-2820

Obituary Line 270-236-1111





Photo by Charlotte Smith

**SENIOR NIGHT 2015** - Seven Fulton County Seniors celebrated Senior Night for basketball on Saturday, Jan. 31 between the Lady Pilots and Pilots games when they hosted Lake County. Seniors are: (front row, l to r), Amy Langford, Darcy Patrick, and Leah Rash; and (back row, l to r) Terrell Wilson, Lucy Kimble, Dixie Major, and Steven Roberson.



Photo by Charlotte Smith

**SUPPORTING THE MATHIS TWINS** - Aaron Collins and his son Daniel purchased meals during the Mathis Twins Benefit on Saturday with over \$7,700 raised for their medical care expenses.

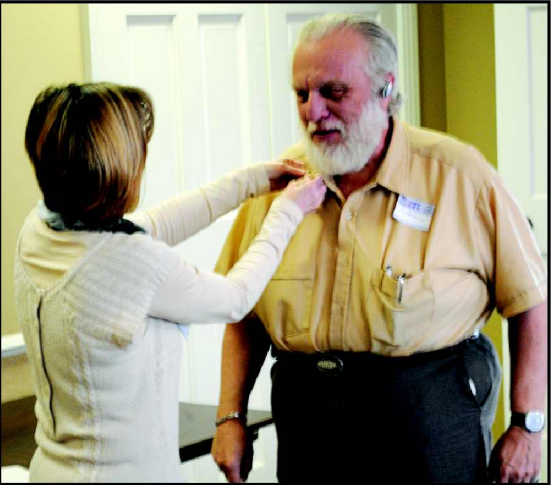


Photo by Pete Morgan

**PINNING CEREMONY** - Hickman Rotarian Jim Delaney (right) was pinned by Hickman Rotary Club President Charlotte Smith on Thursday, Jan. 29. Delaney is the newest member of the 'Service Above Self' oriented club that meets every Thursday at noon in the Community Room of The Citizens Bank. Interested in learning more? Come eat a dutch treat meal and find out how you can get involved.

**Grissom updates EDP board on Co-op merger talks**

**Benita Fuzzell**  
In what would be his final meeting with the Fulton County Hickman County Economic Development Partnership board, immediate past board chairman Greg Grissom, at the request of EDP Director Eddie Crittendon updated board members Dan Voegeli, Fulton County Judge/Executive Jim Martin, Robert Burrow, Greg Curlin, Dale Vowell, Garrett Hutchins, Sam Hancock and current presiding board chairman Greg Pruitt on talks currently underway between the Fulton-Hickman Counties RECC and West Kentucky RECC as well as Gibson County Electric Membership Cooperative.  
In session for their annual meeting Jan. 29 at the Fulton County Office Building in Fulton at noon, the board heard Grissom offer insight as to how the communication between the HFCRECC and the other two Co-ops began to develop about the possibility of merging the Co-ops.  
Grissom, who serves as Manager of the local Co-op and will assume the same position at the Pennyrite Electric Co-op in early March, told the board a number of factors were considered by all three parties, including whether a merger would be financially sound.  
He said the Co-op membership will ultimately vote on the proposal to merge with either of the Co-ops, and that during his tenure of serving as manager of the local Co-op a merger with either West Kentucky or Gibson Electric would be a definite advantage for commercial, industrial and residential customers, as the HFRECC had the highest residential rate in the Tennessee Valley Authority service area.  
Grissom said the idea for a merger was actually first explored in 1982 however the other two Co-ops walked away.  
"But today, we are in a position where it would make sense," he said.  
He added that at the end of February the local RECC board will decide "which one to dance with..."  
Grissom indicated more than one joint meeting had been held between the boards of each of the other Co-ops and the local RECC. He said there were several key indicators in analyzing the positives and consequences of merging with either Co-op including rates and employees.  
As an example Grissom said while a merger could result in a reduction of the representative number of board members from the local Co-op, the benefit of a major reduction in rates could benefit the entire community, such as Fulton County Detention Center in Hickman could see a \$250,000 annual savings with GEMC rates.  
"So at the end of February, the (RECC) board will make a recommendation to the membership and they will vote on it?" asked board member Dan Voegeli.  
Grissom said the membership vote could occur early to late summer, with the method of voting dependent on the Co-op's bylaws and policies.  
"But when would the rates go down?" asked board member and current manager of the Hickman Electric System Dale Vowell.  
"GCEMC said they can go down immediately," Grissom replied.  
"But how can they absorb all that debt?" Vowell went on to ask.

Grissom said the rate decreases could also be tiered, with one decrease enacted first and others to come later incrementally.  
Vowell also asked if there would be district managers, should the decision be made to merge with GCEMC, for the "districts" already in place at Tiptonville, Tenn., Troy, Tenn., Alamo, Tenn. and Medina, Tenn. He questioned whether each of those locations already had a district manager at the location and if Hickman would also follow suit.  
Grissom said GCEMC had vice-presidents over designated areas such as vice-president of member services, vice-president of finance and vice-president of other specific

areas.  
Current staff at the HFRECC would report to those in the specific areas overseeing the entire Co-op once the merger took place.  
In regard to West Kentucky Co-op, Grissom said the one central location for the main office is in Mayfield.  
Grissom said the merger and ultimate reduction in rates would be a plus as it related to industrial recruitment.  
He thanked the board for serving with him during the 14 years he held a seat on the board, and EDP Director Eddie Crittendon thanked Grissom for his contributions to the board as well as the community.

# Senior Spotlight

**Zachery B. Gilbert**  
*Parent's names:* Melanie Suiter and Soacey Gilbert  
*Church and/or community involvement:* FBLA Community Service  
*Plans after graduation:* I plan to go right into college at Murray State for a clinical psychology doctorate  
*Clubs and Activities, Accomplishments, Hobbies, Interests, etc.:* Historian/Parliamentarian of FBLA  
*Favorite part of school:* I quite enjoy the classes and teachers themselves.  
*Something interesting about yourself:* I am both a writer and a singer.  
*Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School (any year):* Freshman year, myself and Levi Laceywell went to Metropolis to America's Got Talent to audition. We then went to a few Superman attractions.

**Amy Langford**  
*Parent's names:* Tim and Karen Langford  
*Brothers and sisters names:* Andrea Marsh and Mary Evelyn Langford  
*Sports you play (if any):* Volleyball, Track, and Cheer-leading  
*Church and/or community involvement:* West Hickman Baptist Church  
*Plans after graduation:* Hope to attend the University of Kentucky and major in chemistry. I also plan to pursue a career in optometry.  
*Clubs and Activities, Accomplishments, Hobbies, Interests, etc.:* FCA, Beta, HOSA, Future Health Professionals, Governor's Scholars Program.  
*Favorite part of school:* Making fun of Mr. Batts in fourth period.  
*Something interesting about yourself:* I plan on traveling to every continent except Antarctic.  
*Fondest memory while at Fulton County High School (any year):* Dancing with Leah at the 2014 Football Homecoming Dance.

## Citizens Bank

in Hickman and Fulton

1522 Union City Hwy. Hickman, KY 270-236-2525  
www.citizenshickman.com

201 Nolan Ave. Fulton, KY 270-472-2626  
www.citizensfulton.com

1514 Union City Hwy. • Hickman, KY  
270-236-2531

**Class of 2015**  
Rick and Mindy Major

**BEST WISHES**  
CLASS OF 2015  
Lynn and Pat Major

**HICKMAN ELECTRIC**  
1228 Moscow Ave. • Hickman, KY  
270-236-3951

## Fulton County Board of Education

2780 Moscow Ave. • Hickman, KY • 270-236-3923

*Proficiency, Positive Relationships, and Pilot Pride*

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Ellen Murphy**  
Fulton Co. High School Principal

# Babies of 2014

**Mary Elizabeth Myatt**  
Born January 1  
daughter of  
Holly & Shane McNeil  
granddaughter of  
Judy and Larry Myatt

**Bentlee Joe Greer**  
Born February 15  
son of  
Zach and Paige (Nolan) Greer

**Josiah Robert Cheirs**  
Born Feb. 25  
son of  
Joe Jr. and Bernita Cheirs  
of Hickman, Ky.

**Grayson William Hearn**  
Born April 11  
son of  
J.T. and Emily Hearn  
little brother of Braxton, 4  
grandson of  
Tommy and Renee Ramsey and Donna  
Hearn and the late Chuck Hearn

**Rosalie Grace Waldroup**  
Born May 13  
daughter of  
Eric and Joni Beth (Lattus) Waldroup  
granddaughter of  
David and Sandra Lattus

**Rivers Parks and Madison Parks**  
Born May 16  
children of Shaun and Le-An Parks of Hickman

**Kai Avery Cagle**  
Born June 4  
son of  
Chad and Lynne Cagle  
of Lexington, KY

**Ryleigh Jae West**  
Born June 23  
daughter of Jarett West and Carly McNeill

**Anna Rose Fuller**  
Born Sept. 3  
daughter of  
Jeff and Jill (Sheehan) Fuller

**Prather Adams Carlton**  
Born September 17  
son of  
Heath and Cayce (Jackson) Carlton

**Noah Benjamin Larson**  
Born Sept. 24  
son of Rick and Kaleigh (Lattus) Larson of Fulton

**Charli Lynn Vowell**, born September 6  
daughter of Kenny and Brooke Vowell  
**Mikayla Grace Vowell**, born October 8  
daughter of Michael and Shawna Vowell  
great-granddaughters of Phyllis and Vercel Bryant

**Mikayla Grace Vowell**  
Born Oct. 8  
daughter of  
Michael and Shawna Vowell